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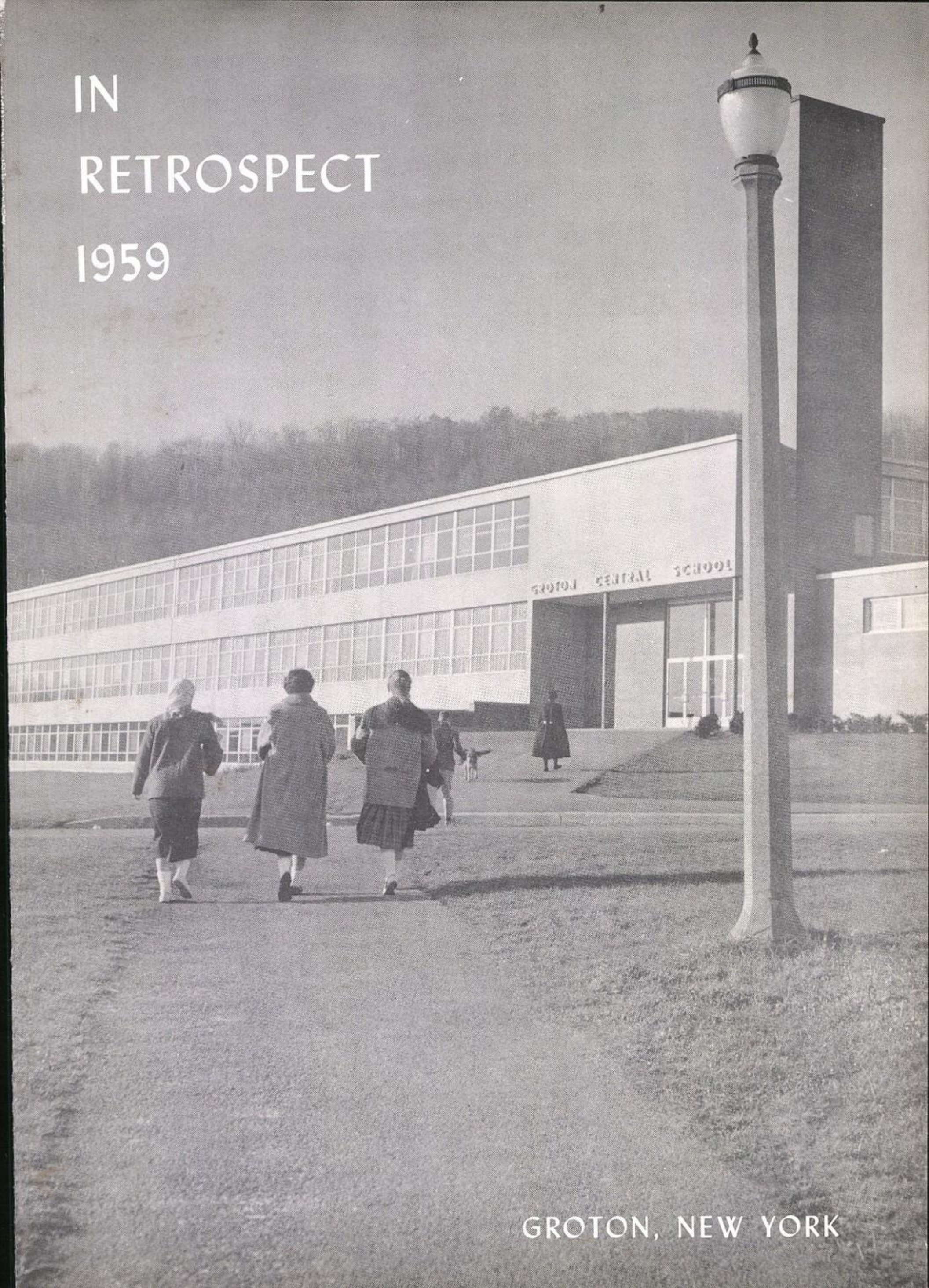

GROTON, NEW YORK

FOREWORD

The Nebbish — What is he?

Commonly we think of him as a sweet but oh so lonely little creature, wandering in society lost because of his failure to understand our conventions, and making often pitiable, often very funny remarks about his predicaments. He is, as his Hebrew name implies, a lost soul. He is the personification of two spirits in present day society.

First, he is a manifestation of the defeatism and procrastination prominent today. "You just **think** you're happy"; "C'est la vie"; "Que sera, sera"; says the defeatist; "Next week we've **got** to get organized," says the procrastinator. This is the negative, the immature, the possibly dangerous side of his personality.

His harmless side is a personification of our silly mistakes. The nebbish locks his keys in the car; he is constantly "putting his foot in his mouth;" he always forgets important things; he never spills things, but things seem to spill on him.

This is a general definition of the nebbish. But to the yearbook staff he is something more. He personifies the feelings and ideas of high school students as they mature. Early in their career, students are apt to be procrastinators, even defeatists. They do only what they are told to do; they do nothing until they are forced to do something. They are the nebbish in his most negative mood.

But this feeling does not last. As they mature, students lose the idea the longer something is postponed the better, and they begin to see that they can influence their environment. They submerge the negative nebbish, and finally all that remains in them is his harmless side. Because the maturing of high school students can be likened to the change from one side of the nebbish to the other, the staff of the 1959 **In Retrospect** has chosen this little creature to tell our story. The book is not a treatise on high school psychology; it is a history of Groton Central, 1958-1959. The nebbish is therefore in the background but if you search carefully, he is — everywhere.

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DEDICATION

Sincerity, human understanding, self-sacrifice and dedication in every sense of the word — these are only a few of the many phrases that may be used to describe a truly great man, Dr. Hans Seligman.

Dr. Seligman was born August 27, 1912, in Krefeld, Germany. He studied medicine and graduated from the Munich and Berne Universities. During Hitler's regime, Dr. Seligman and his wife were forced to flee Germany. They arrived in the United States via Russia, Japan and the Pacific Ocean. After practicing medicine in Indiana, New York City, and Syracuse, he brought his family to Groton. Apart from his practice, Dr. Seligman was the Groton school physician for the duration of ten years. On September2, 1958 the people of Groton learned with great sorrow of the sudden death of their beloved doctor.

Dr. Seligman was part of Groton; he will be missed and ever remembered with profound respect and deep admiration.

BOARD of EDUCATION

The Board of Education discusses current school problems. **Left to Right:** Mr. Milo Rounseville, Mr. Robert Huston, Mrs. Arthur Walpole, President Nelson Harris, Mrs Heda Short, Mr. Robert Brown, and Mrs. Walter Hoerger.

Clerk of the Board
Mrs. Vivian Kratochvil

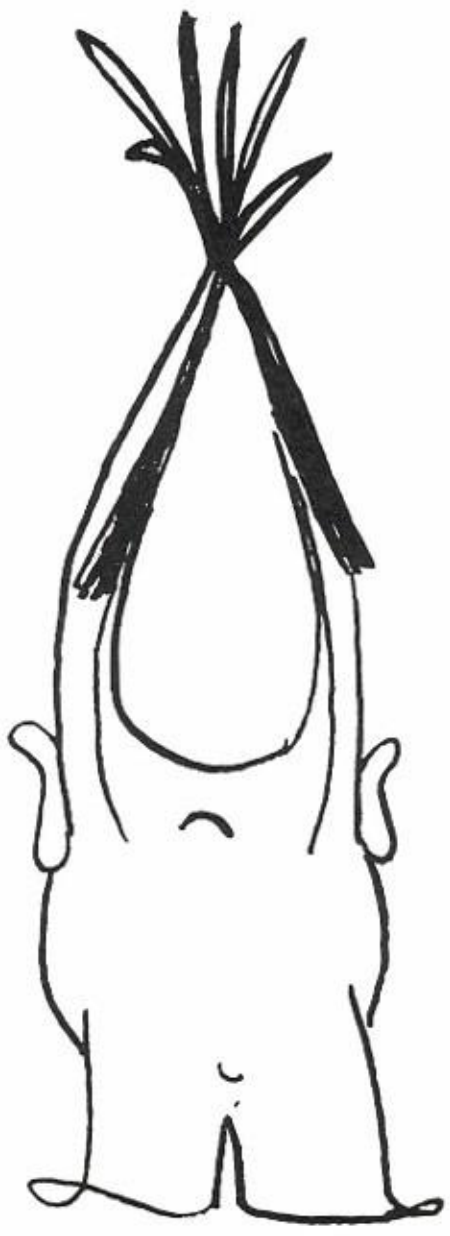
HERE I AM . . THE NEBBISH

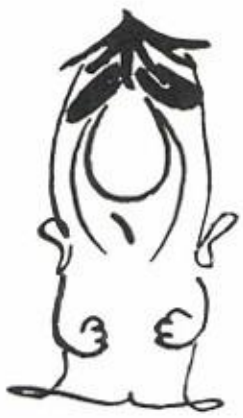
I asked to make a few little remarks, before I started my story of your school year, because I felt that you needed a little introduction to me.

You can find me almost anywhere. Next time you're in a bus station or at the beach, or anywhere the public gathers, you will see me. There I am, trying to hide the spot on the front of my new coat. There I am, wondering where I left my wallet. That was I spilling that stack of suitcases or that bag of groceries.

You will see me in school, too. I just fell over backwards in my chair; I lost my homework paper — "but I did it"; I dropped my lunch tray; I don't know why I should try — I'm quitting next year anyway; I don't have to do that tonight — it's not due until Friday.

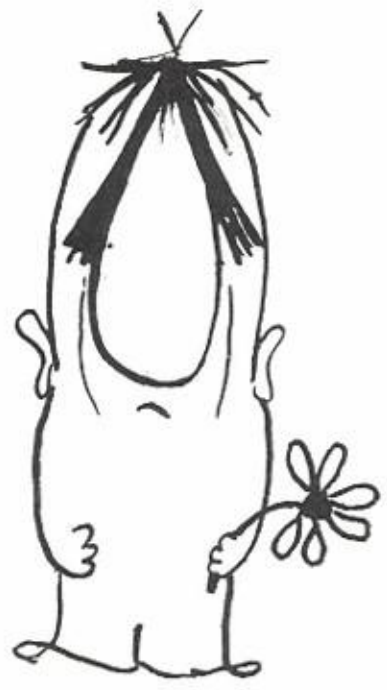
I don't have much personality myself, but I'm a part of your personality. I am inseparably with you, no matter what you do, but you see me differently as you grow older. As we remember this past year together, let me show you what I mean.





Smile when you say that, pardner.

Happiness



Picker of Daisies

I lost my galoshes

What do you want me to do, orbit?

She said **that** about **me?**

hula hooped 7,326 times without stopping.

ADMINISTRATION

MR. KENNETH MILLER
Assistant Principal and Guidance Director

MR. CARL SAVINO
Elementary Supervisor

MR. GEORGE BEERS
Jr. High Guidance and Teaching

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Someone once said — "Only he.who can see the invisible can do the impossible!" Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas A. Edison, and other great men certainly had this talent. Our space scientists today are drawing plans of almost unbelievable situations that will exist in the near future.

Imagination is not a special aptitude limited to great scientists and inventors, it is a trait with which all of us may develop happy and successful lives.

The accumulation of facts and knowledge which you have attained through a formal high school program will be of little value unless you develop a creative spirit of imagination.

The manner in which imagination is employed in your future occupation, in your religion and in your home and community will largely determine the progress and further development of our democratic way of life.

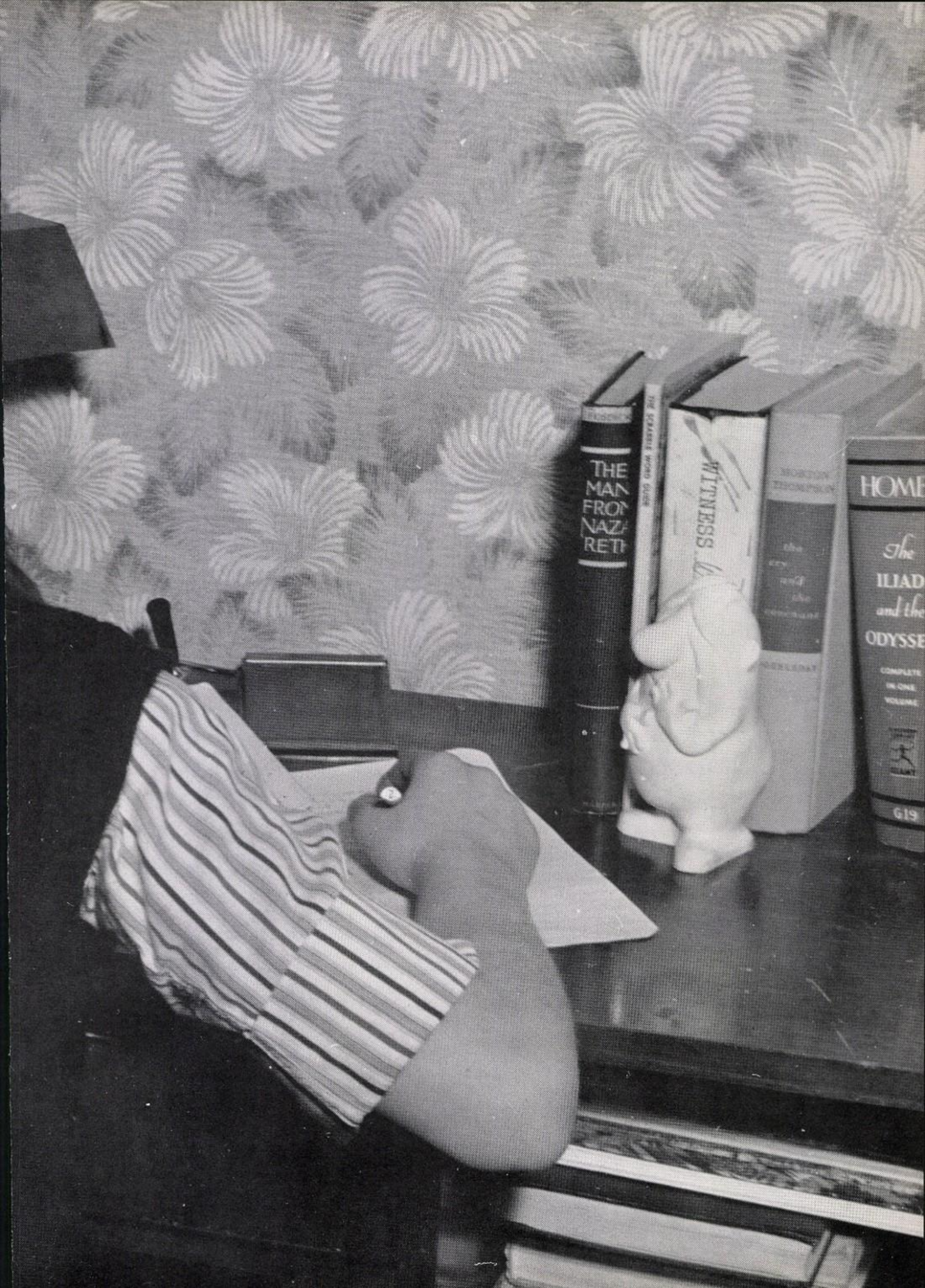
May God Bless you all — the Class of 1959.

Irvin E. Henry

MR. IRVIN E. HENRY
Supervising Principal

UNDERCLASSMEN

Classes — here are the "people" of the school, the reason for its existence. Here I show my personality the most vividly. In junior high I'm always putting things off, always waiting to be told. And I'm forever forgetting or losing something. Freshmen and sophomores begin to react differently to me. Now the students begin to realize what I am and that they can do well without me — they sense their potential, they develop imagination and responsibility. Then when they become juniors and seniors they start to use their powers, they assume ever greater responsibility, they push me far into the background — my negative side, that is. My funny, pathetic side is still part of them — and always will be.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JUNIORS

Student Council representatives: Pai, Scheffler, Updike, Regan, President Samson, Vice-President Ferrell, Secretary Ross, Treasurer Whatman.

Enjoying a research assignment? These juniors seem to be. **Around table:** Pless, Hamill, Finch, Schooley, Sheeder, Christofferson. **Standing in rear:** Pearsall, Halladay, Tvaroha, Karn.

APPROACHING . . .

These juniors sell tickets at their first dance of the year. **Standing in back:** Petrovich, Van BenSchoten. **In front:** Barrett, Senecal, Tompkins, Hopkins, Cummings, Monagan.

Intently carrying out chemistry experiments are Wadsworth, Stevens, Scheffler, E. Westfall, M. Westfall, Stringham.

THE WORLD OF

It's a wonderful feeling to be a Junior! The newness and inexperience of second year life are not there, yet we are not faced with the reality of graduation and goodbye. The year is full of escapades for the Juniors — the exciting prom, the rings (shined every morning), that dreaded term paper. The Junior class is ubiquitous — its members can be found on athletic teams in dance band, or working in student council. After school, many have jobs in preparation for the experiences of life which are just around the corner!

Enjoying themselves between classes are, **standing:** Blazick, Jebbett, Gallagher, Kendall, Heffron. **In foreground:** Jackson.

Shaw, Sovocool, Schmidt, Karlson, Hanford, Marsh, Senecal, and Metcalf enjoying a noon hour break in the fresh air.

CAPS AND GOWNS

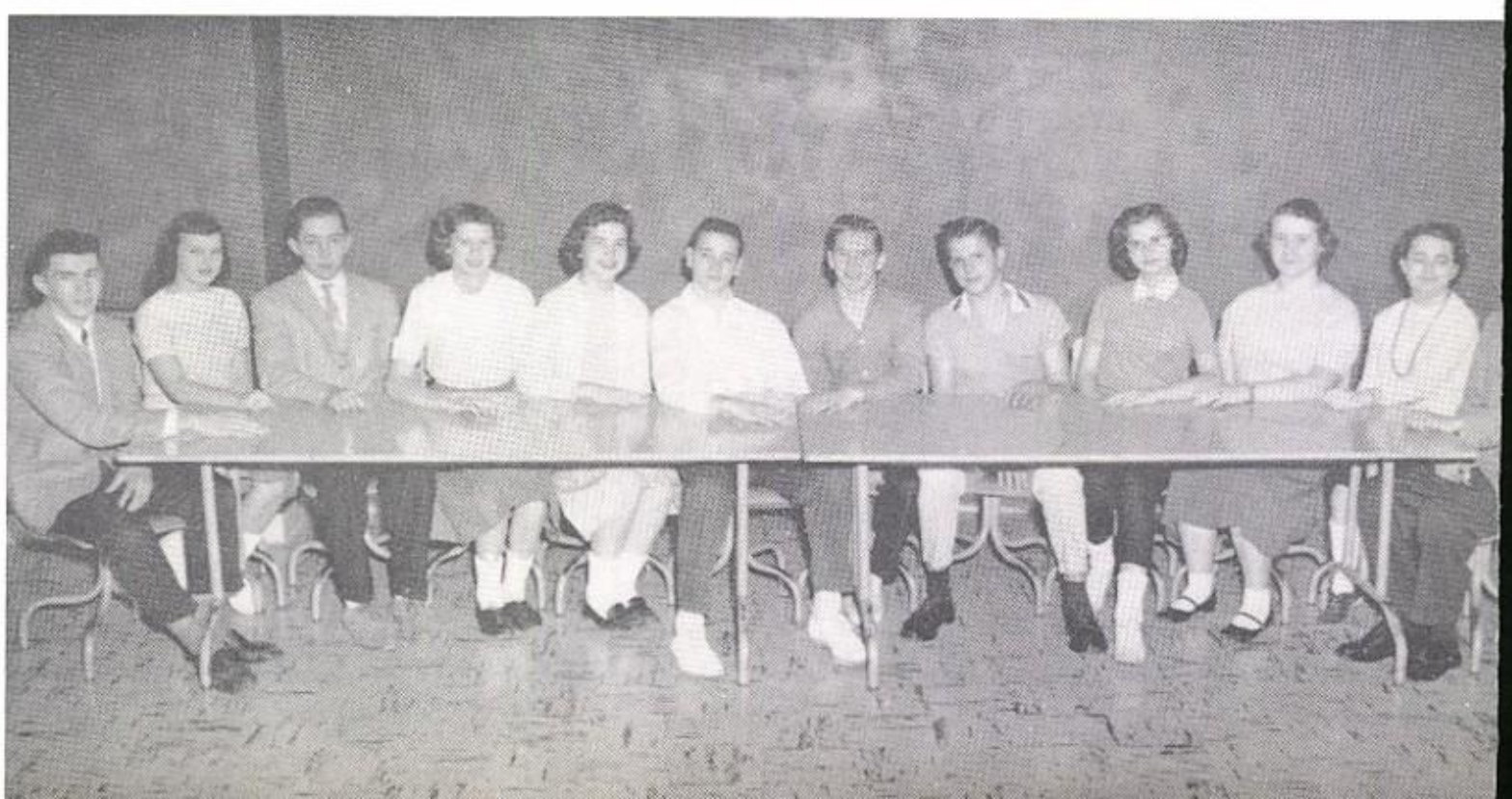
Mrs. Miller takes the money for those all-important class rings. **Standing, left to right:** Frady, Bacon, Marsh, Rawson, Myers, Eldred. **Seated:** Shaw, Haynes.

Decorating is half the fun of the Junior Prom. "How's this?" asks Miller of Rounseville and Kero. Harrington, Johndrew, and Fiesinger cut crepe paper as Senecal and Clark look on.

Back: Armstrong, Lynch, Kelly, Volbrecht, Hora, Roberts. **Front:** Sovocool, Van BenSchoten, Vecellio, Tichenor, Jones.

Darling, Beers, Dann, Jennings, Barry, Cleary, Dempsey, Decker, Gallagher, Hora, Bancroft, Curley.

You name it, the Sophomores have it! Varsity sports players, cheerleaders, avid Pep Club members, student council and Tri-County representatives, members of the Future Farmers and Homemakers of America as well as band and chorus participants.



Bartholomew, Bancroft, Burge, Buggs, Woolever, Stockton, Adams, Spafford, Vincent, Wagner, Brown, Smith.

SOPHOMORES - THE SPIRIT AMONG US

Court, Hammond, Dann, Moore, Marsh, Harmon, Leaver, Bartholomew, Fairbanks.

Sophomores have fun as well as ccess when they sponsor class nces and participate in school fes- ities such as the Halloween party d parade. "We're in the midst everything that goes on — that's cause we're Sophomores!"

Back: Walker, Westfall, Petersen, McLear, Marks, Simons. **Front:** Wheaton, Rounseville, Shaw, Papish.

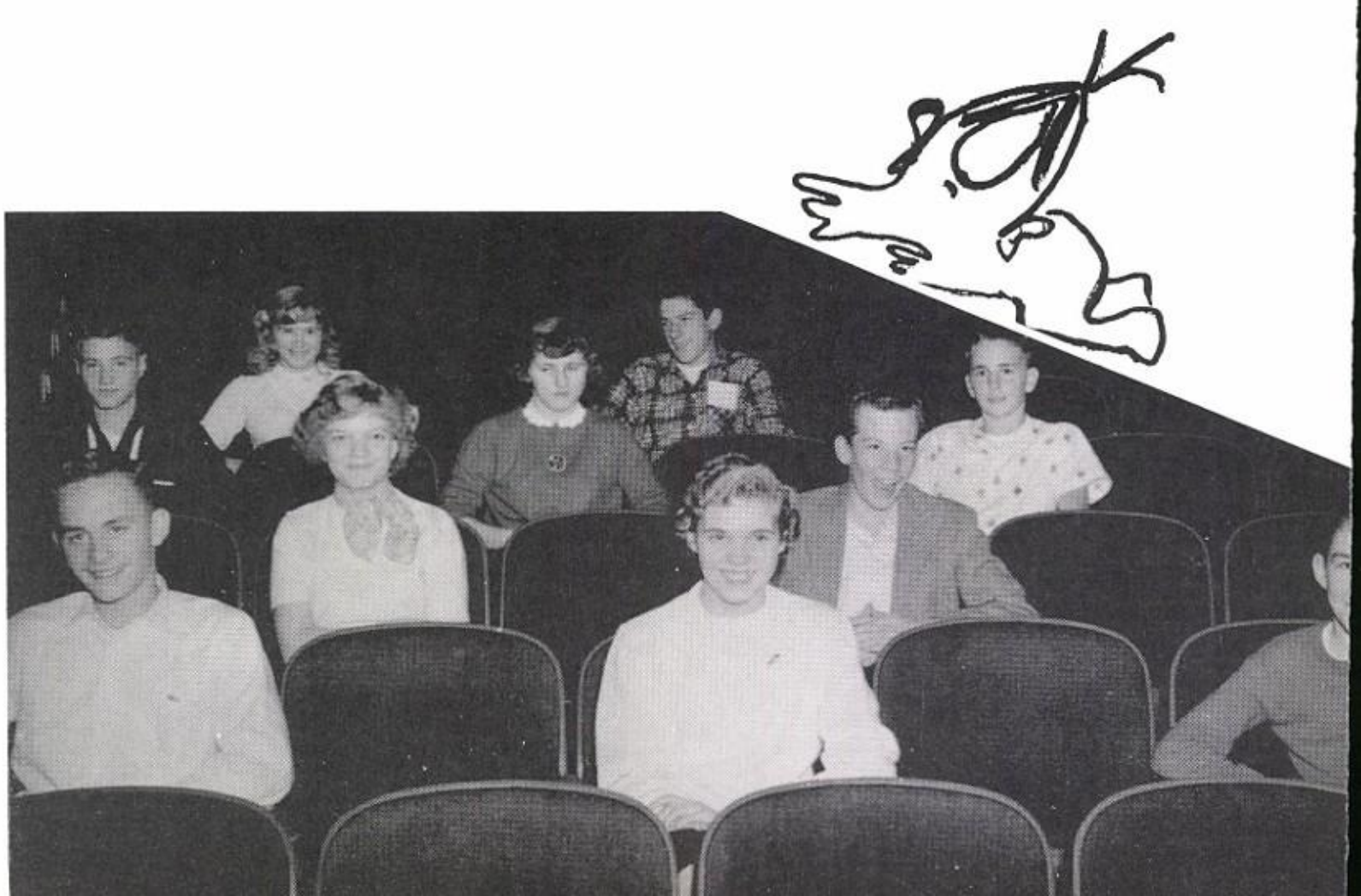
Seligman, Mack, McMasters, Murphy, Karn, Lillie, Raymond, Marshall, McGinnis, Ryan, McFall, Rood.

FRESHMEN

Whoopee! High School! This long-awaited year has arrived . . . Everything is so new and different. Scholastically, we've become acquainted with Latin, French, Algebra, and aptitude tests.

First Row (diagonally): Monagan, Karlson, Frink. **Second Row:** Lobur, Fiesinger, Kirk. **Third Row:** Nichols, Campbell, Karn.

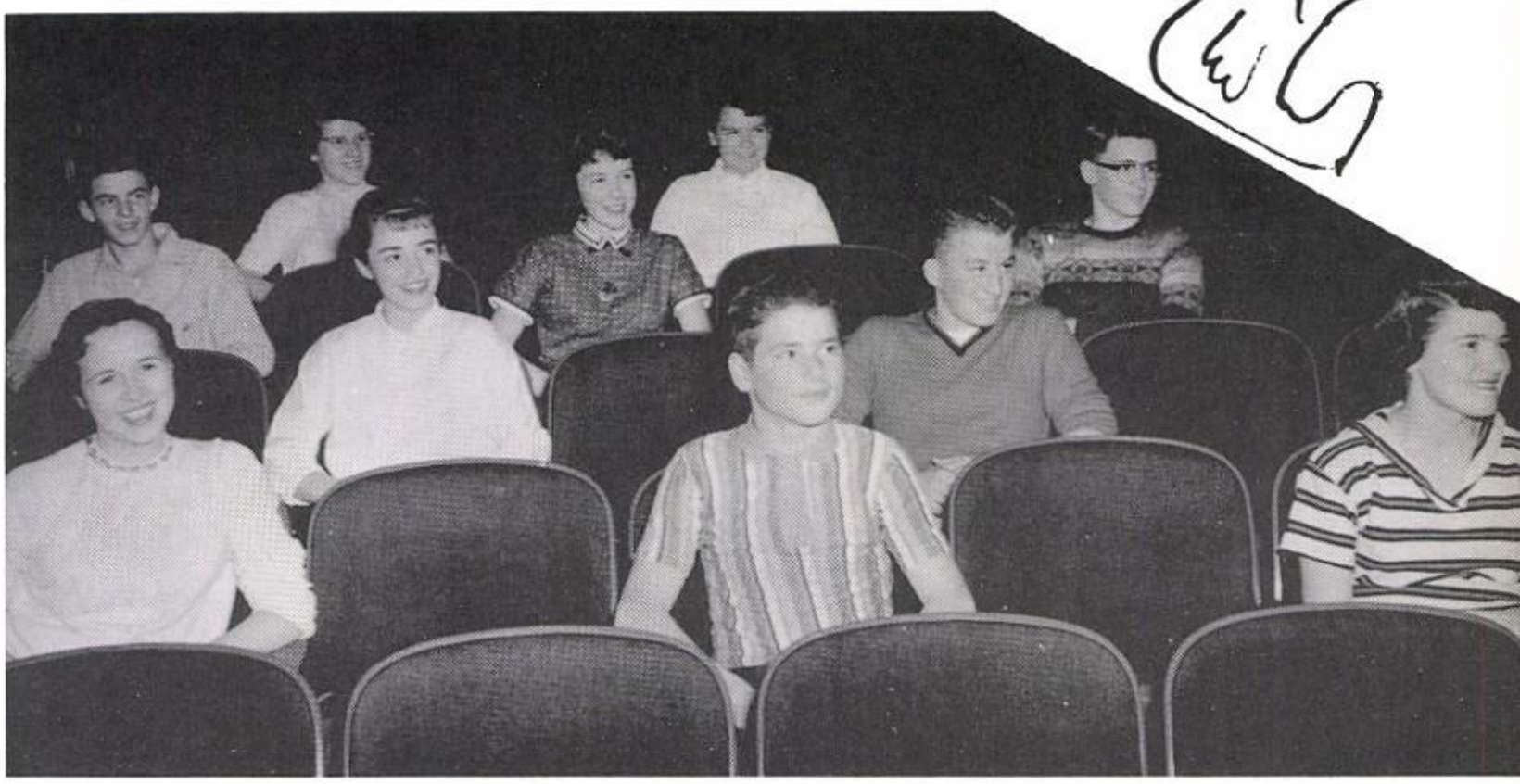
First Row: (diagonally): Jensen, Steinberg. **Second Row:** Webster, Brockway, B. Brown, Smith. **Third Row:** Ott, Booth, H. Brown. **Fourth Row:** Doty.



First Row (diagonally): Moravia, Stone. **Second Row:** Romer, Leonard, S. Metcalf, K. Metcalf. **Third Row:** Jones, Kelly, Kratochvil. **Fourth Row:** McGinnis.

WE CAME, WE SAW

THEY CONQUERED



Socially we've presented our first dance and our entry in the annual Halloween Parade. Adventure-wise we have taken a thrilling airplane ride together. With all of this — what is left for our Sophomore year?

First Row (diagonally): Mosher, Metcalf. **Second Row:** R. Miller, Samson, Rounseville. **Third Row:** Petersen, Myers, Shaw. **Fourth Row:** Stevens.

First Row (diagonally): Barrows, Clair. **Second Row:** Hall, Conger, Batzer, Ferrell. **Third Row:** Vorhis, Hatch, Jablonski. **Fourth Row:** Cooper.

irst Row (diagonally): ady: **Second Row:** Hill, bur, Housted. **Third Row:** dred, Whatman, West-ke, Sumerski, Lawrence. **urth Row:** Stone, Hef-on, French. **Fifth Row:** lladay.

EIGHTH GRADERS -

Back Row: Jackson, Merrick, Ross. **Middle Row:** Thorton, Willis. **Front Row:** Galusha.

Back Row: Gamel, Mott, Christofferson, Underwood, Dexte
Middle Row: Vincent, Wickam, Sloat, Schmidt. **Front Row:** Ror
er, Marsh, Papish.

Back Row: Darling, Hilton, Mosher, Mudge. **Middle Row:** Dellow, Moore, Miller, Bush. **Front Row:** McCrary, Lucas, Hazard.

Back Row: Rodgers, VanBenSchoten, Sauerbier. **Middle Ro**
Weaver, Lukosavich, Stow. **Front Row:** Wilson, Todi.

EVER PRESENT
EVER READY

Back Row: Court, Ferrell, Kendall, Aiken, La Bar. **Middle Row:** Lynch, Houston, French, Batzer. **Front Row:** Lloyd, Jebbett.

ack Row: Sims, Monagan, chmidt, McFall, Tvaroha. **iddle Row:** Senecal, O'-onnor, Scheffler, Walpole. **ront Row:** Rounseville, My-s, Tyler.

Back Row: Cummings, Howland, Beaumont. **Middle Row:** Kurtz, Carpenter, Metcalf. **Front Row:** Barrett.

IMPISHLY YOURS,

Back Row: Kelsey, Fox, Hathaway, Devlen. **Middle Row:** Leitch, Hamill, Hulslander, Hunt, **Front Row:** Griep, Heath.

Back Row: Edwards, West, French, Chamberlain. **Middle Row:** Westfall, Bell, Barrows. **Front Row:** Warner, Bishop, Collins.

Back Row: Ayers, Brown, Frady, Hammond. **Middle Row:** Barnes, Dassance, Harder, French. **Front Row:** Clair, Beaumont, Bushnell.

THE SEVENTH GRADE

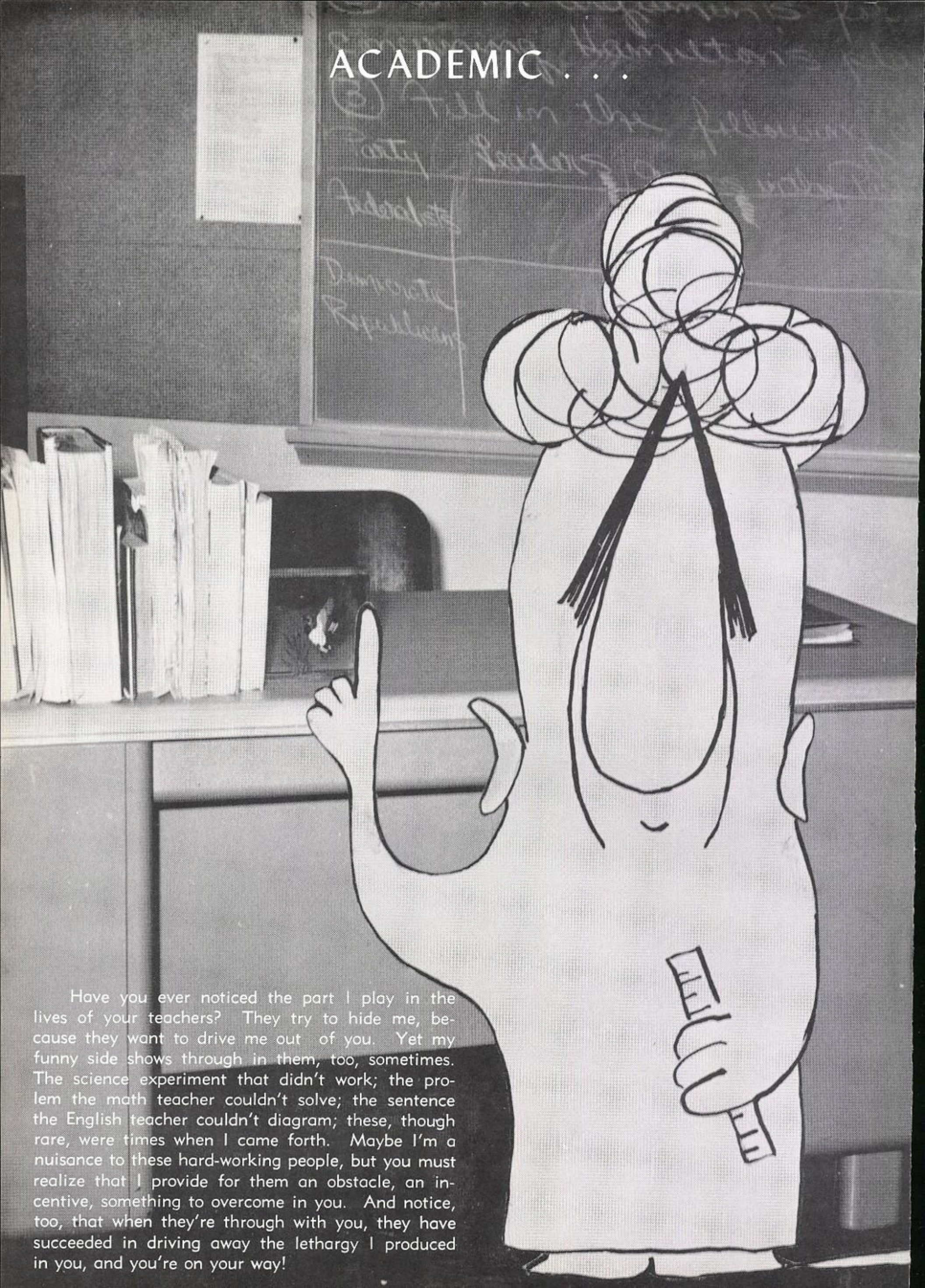
Back Row: Sloat, Hollenbeck, Hanford, Lewis, Rude. **Middle Row:** Senecal, Schuck, Johnson, Mattoon. **Front Row:** La France, Stockton, Stevens.

Back Row: Kelley, Livingston, Moore, Metzgar, V. Green. **Middle Row:** Reynolds, Lawrence, Head, McCrary. **Front Row:** Healy, L. Green, Hart.

Back Row: Share, Spafford, Batzer, VanAtta. **Middle Row:** Blair, Stockton, Dann. **Front Row:** Simons, Sovocool, Bell.

Back Row: Merrick, Strom, Wagner. **Middle Row:** Sheldon, Smith, O'Hara. **Front Row:** Mattoon, Seligman. **Absent:** Pierce, Sincerbeaux, Warner.

ACADEMIC . . .

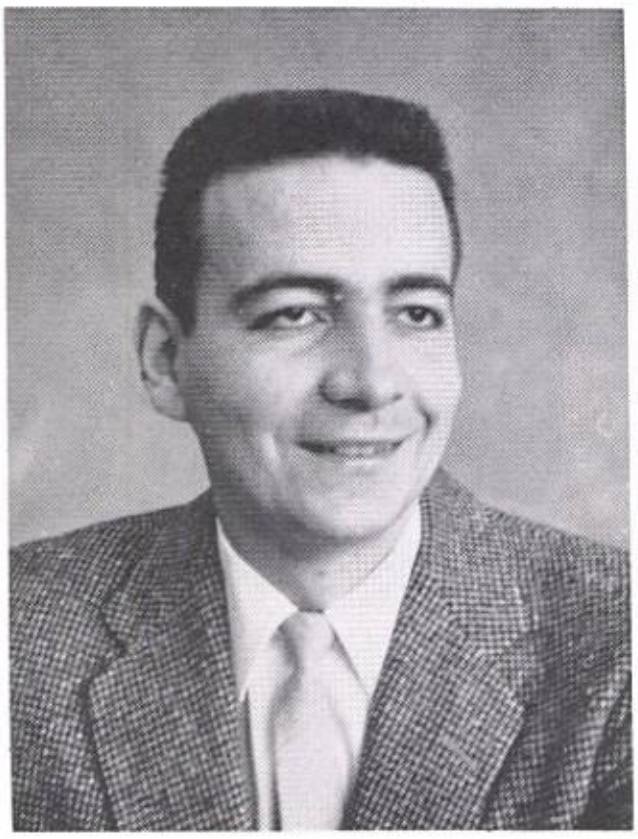


Have you ever noticed the part I play in the lives of your teachers? They try to hide me, because they want to drive me out of you. Yet my funny side shows through in them, too, sometimes. The science experiment that didn't work; the problem the math teacher couldn't solve; the sentence the English teacher couldn't diagram; these, though rare, were times when I came forth. Maybe I'm a nuisance to these hard-working people, but you must realize that I provide for them an obstacle, an incentive, something to overcome in you. And notice, too, that when they're through with you, they have succeeded in driving away the lethargy I produced in you, and you're on your way!

SOUNDING THE DEPTHS OF HISTORY

MR. JOHN BUCKLEY
Junior High Citizenship Education

"Mrs. Shafer deals Ed Westfall a well deserved blow as Linda Ferrell gleefully watches."

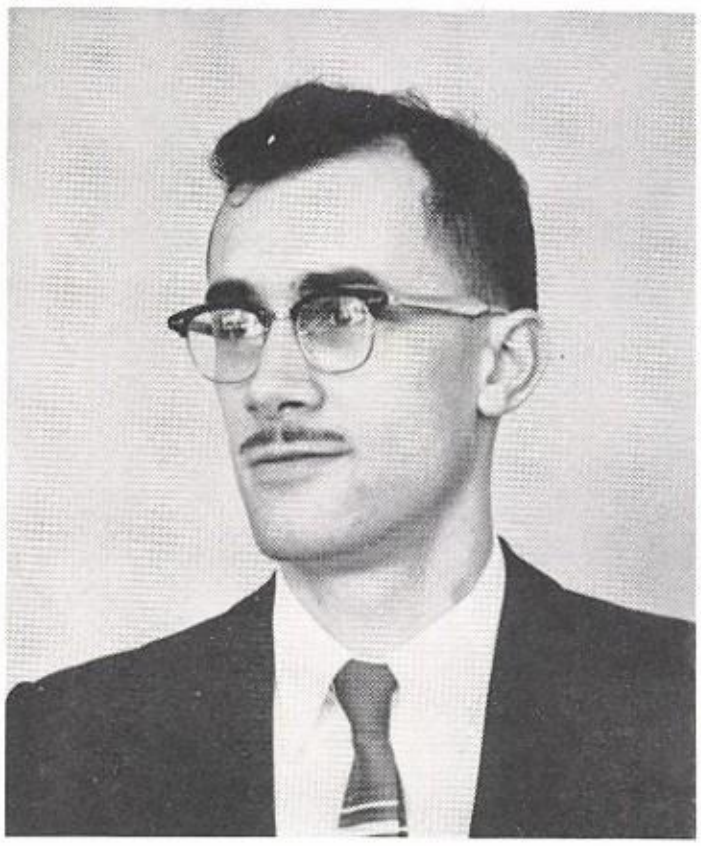


MR. JOSEPH CAMBRINI
Citizenship Education 9 and 10

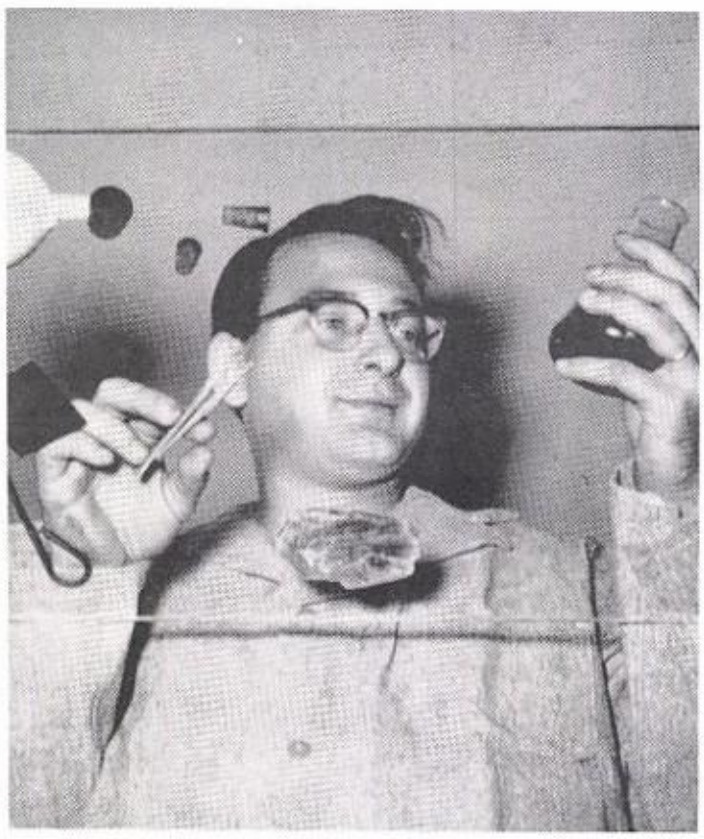
MRS. VIRGINIA SHAFER
Citizenship Education 10, 11, and 12

TO STUDY LIFE IS TO LIVE

Biology students are busy sterilizing instruments and studying those lovely amoebae. **Left to Right:** Beers, Curley, Ryan, Gedney, McGinnis and Westfall.



MR. JAMES SCHOONMAKER
Biology and General Science



MR. SAMUEL DAY
Earth Science, Chemistry, and Physics

GASOLINE . . .

"Bless the man who invented dual controls," breathes Mr. Vassalotti as Stringham, Westfall, and Ferrell dash in front of the car.

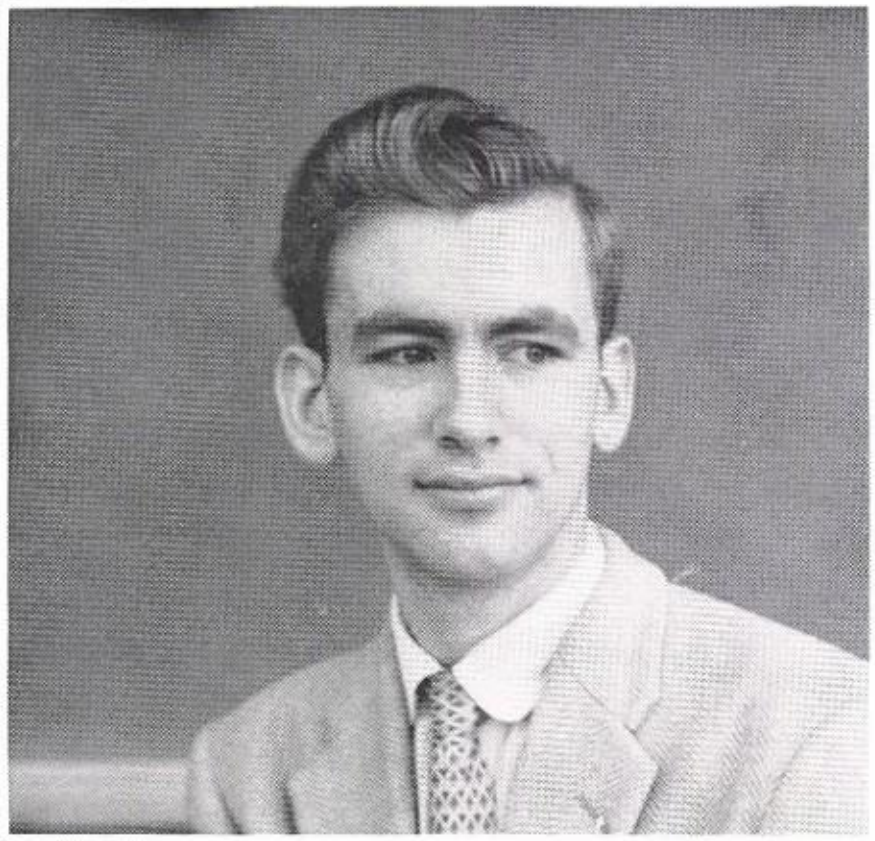
MR. FLOYD VASSALOTTI
General Science and Driver Education

AND BROMINE

"Shall we invite the students to tea?" chuckles Mr. Vassalotti as Mr. Schoonmaker proudly examines the brew.

EXPLORING THE SCIENCE OF SYMBOLS

"Try using the right theorem," says Mr. Peterson to geometry students Betty Vecellio and Helen Walker.

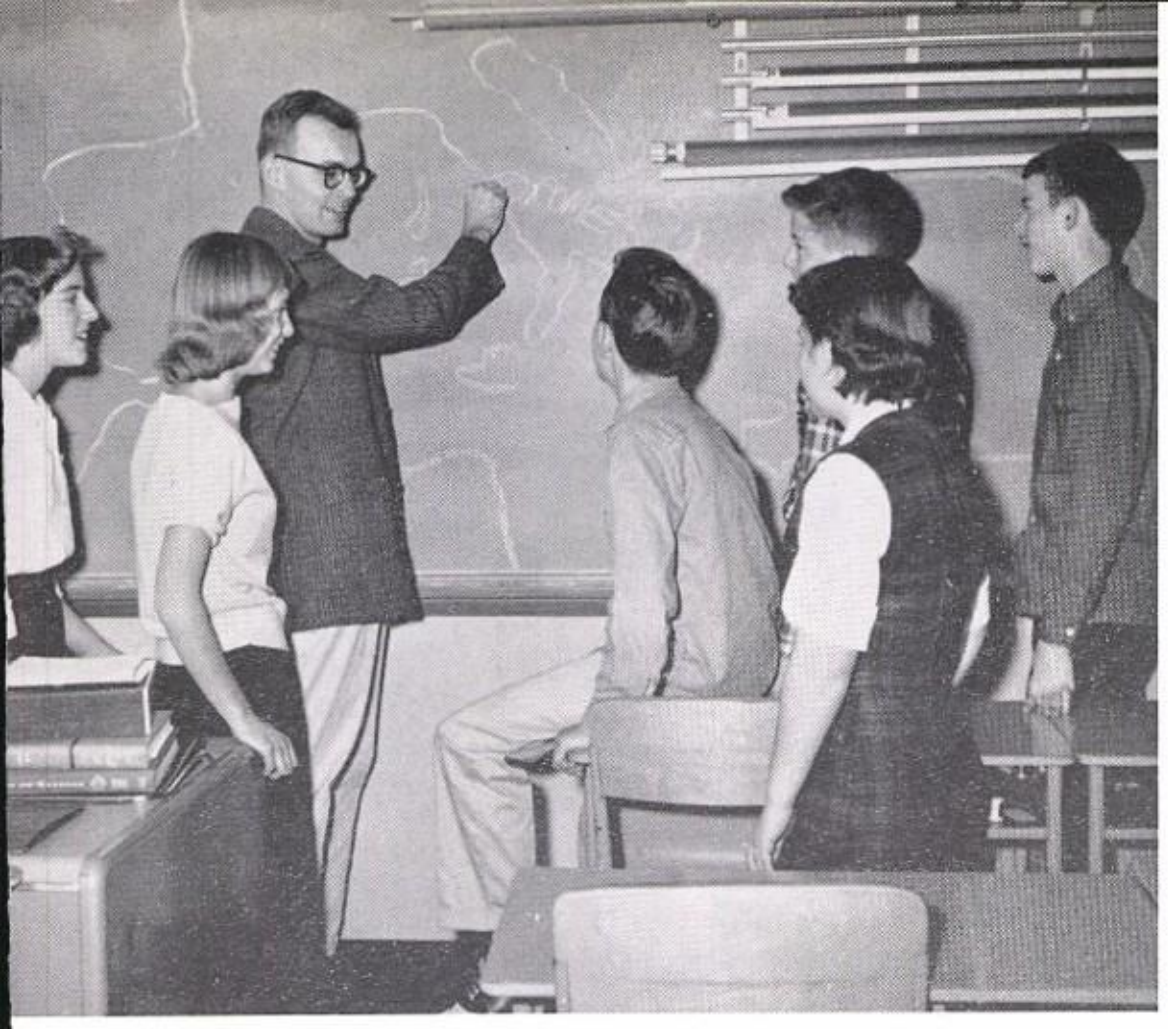


MR. ROGER PETERSON
High School Math

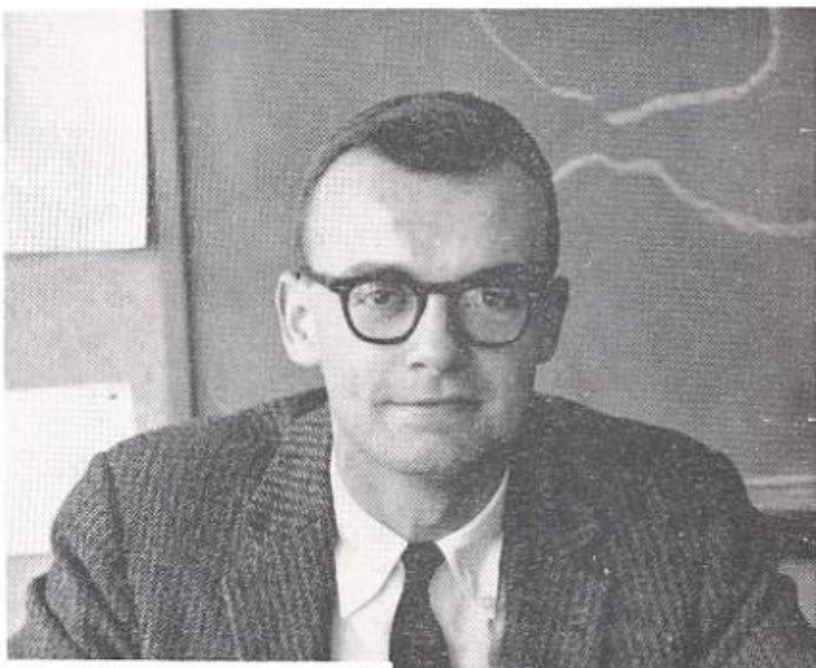
MRS. FRANCES POPE
Junior High Math

MRS. RUTH ROUNSEVILLE
Junior High Math

TRANSLATION . . .



"Eo' Roma est," explains Mr. O'Connell to Latin Students.



MR. JOHN O'CONNELL
French and Latin

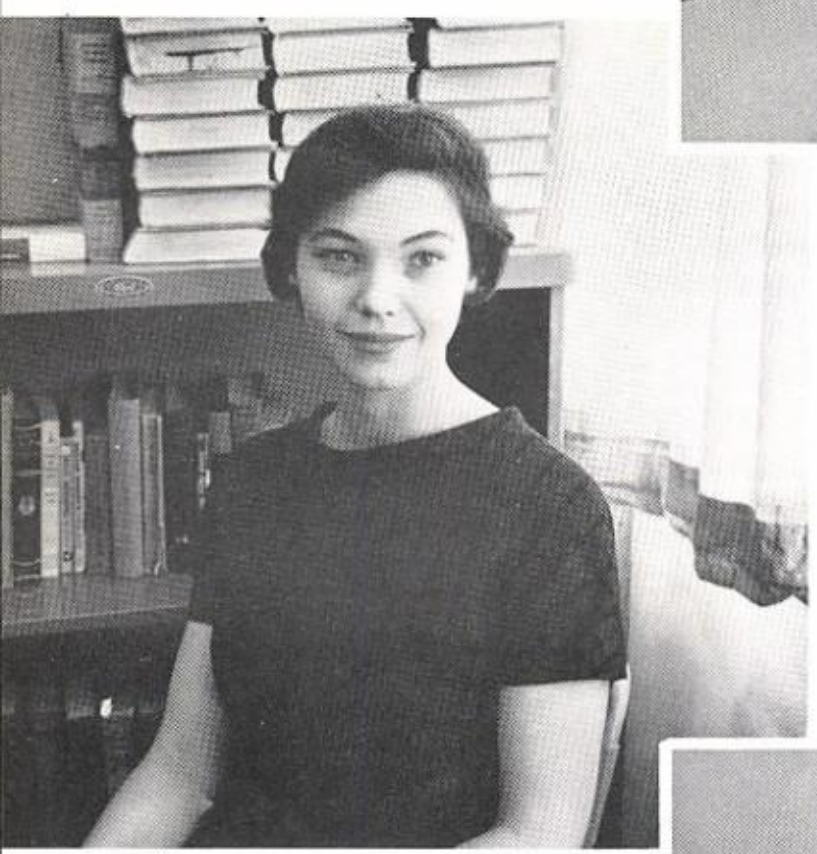
OR

TRANSCRIPTION

MRS. ESTHER MILLER
Commercial

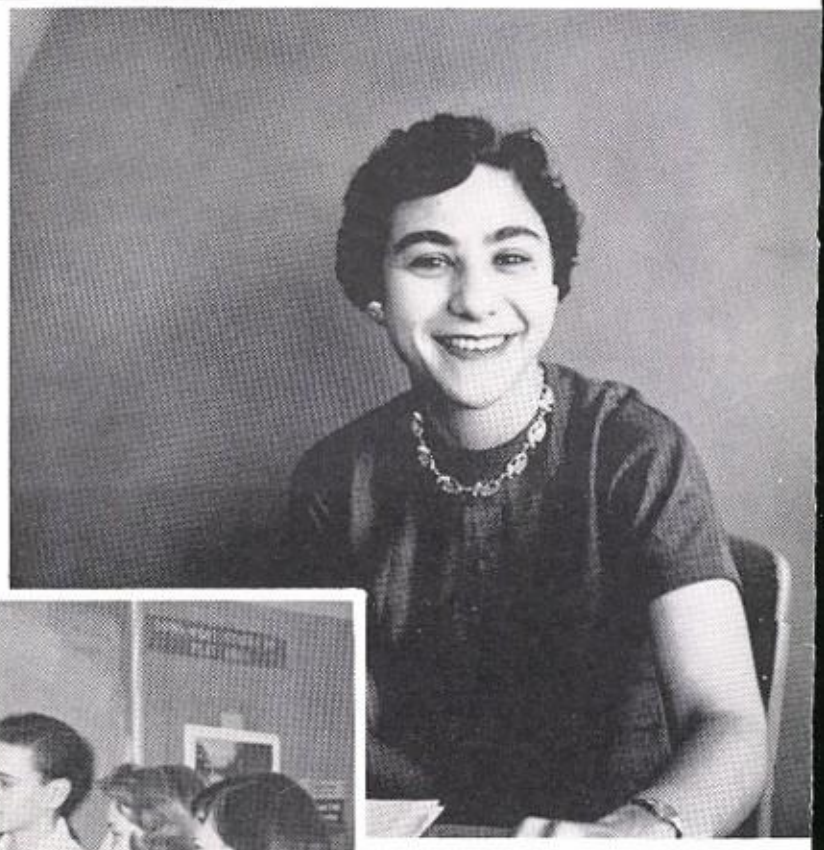
Mrs. Miller points out some of the basic parts of a typewriter to a typing student.

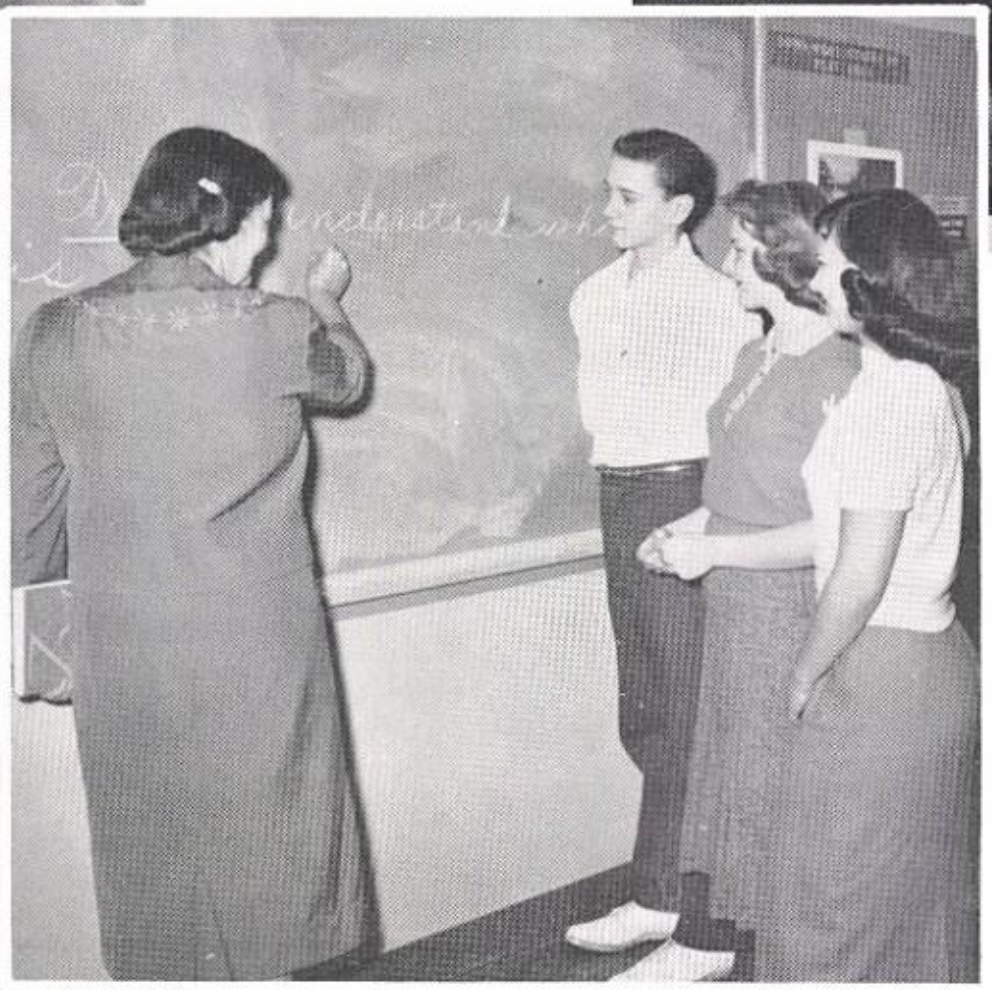
OUR LANGUAGE IN ACTION



MRS. ELLEN PETERS
English 11 and 12

MRS. SHIRLEY VAN NEST
English 7 and Remedial Reading



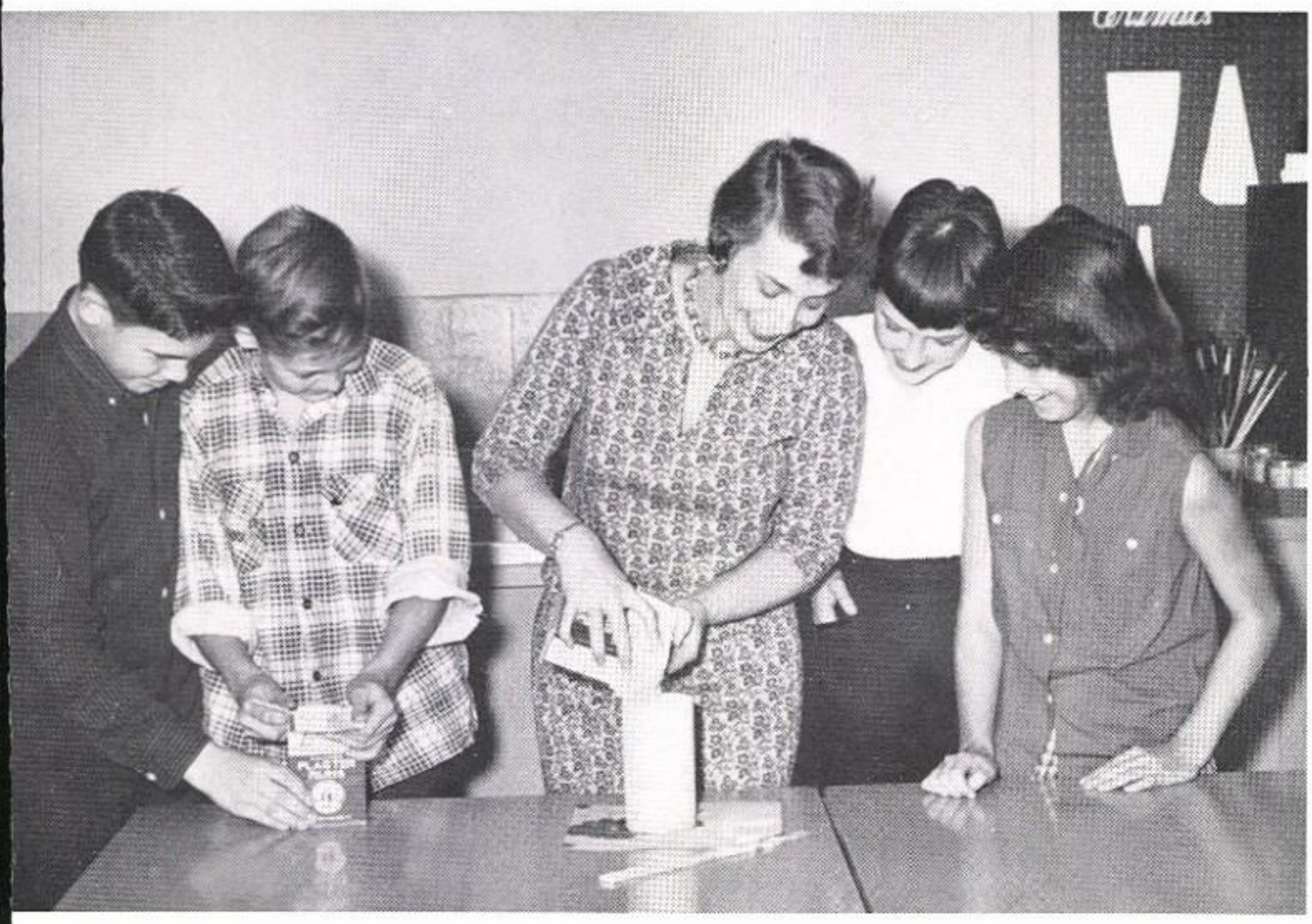


MRS. JOAN KRAMER
English 8 and 9

"For having spoken a language all our lives, we certainly know little about it," marvel students Stockton, Decker, and Bancroft as Mrs. Soletz explains English sentence structure.

MRS. HARRIET SOLETZ
English 9 and 10

A PICTURE . .



"No, Paris is not made of plaster," says Mrs. Papish as she demonstrates casting to students.

MRS. DOROTHY PAPISH
Art

OR

1000 WORDS

MISS MAUDE CRONIN
Librarian

THE NUCLEUS
— OF THE SCHOOL

Dick Papish mans the ice cream counter as hungry students rush through the lunch line.

The most popular staff in the school is that which prepares our food at G. C. S. **Seated:** Mrs. Tarbell. **Standing, Left to Right:** Turney, Stevens, Leidig, Doyle, Hall and Jeffers.

Mrs. McCrary, Postmaster General of G.C.S.

Caught between two of their many jobs, secretaries Mrs. Heffron and Mrs. McCrary pose for their picture.

REFRESH . . .

Future housewives experiment with exotic recipes in Home Ec Class

MRS. MARY TARBELL
Cafeteria manager, Home Economics

Mrs. Stringham explains the intricacies of the sewing machine to Sandra Hilton and Donna Dellow.

READJUST

MR. ALFRED GELERINTER
Pyschologist

REPAIR . . .

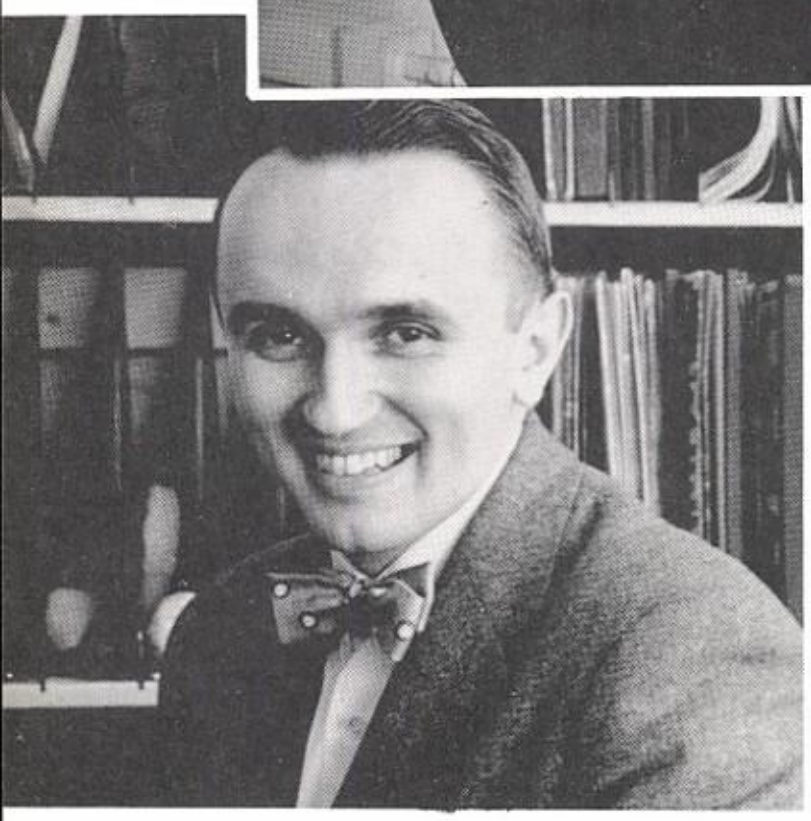
MRS. PRISCILLA STRINGHAM
Home Economics

MRS. ELSIE HEALEY
School Nurse

SOUNDS OF VOICE AND INSTRUMENT

Mr. Peters adds a bit of harmony to the Ross, Rounseville and Jebbett trio.

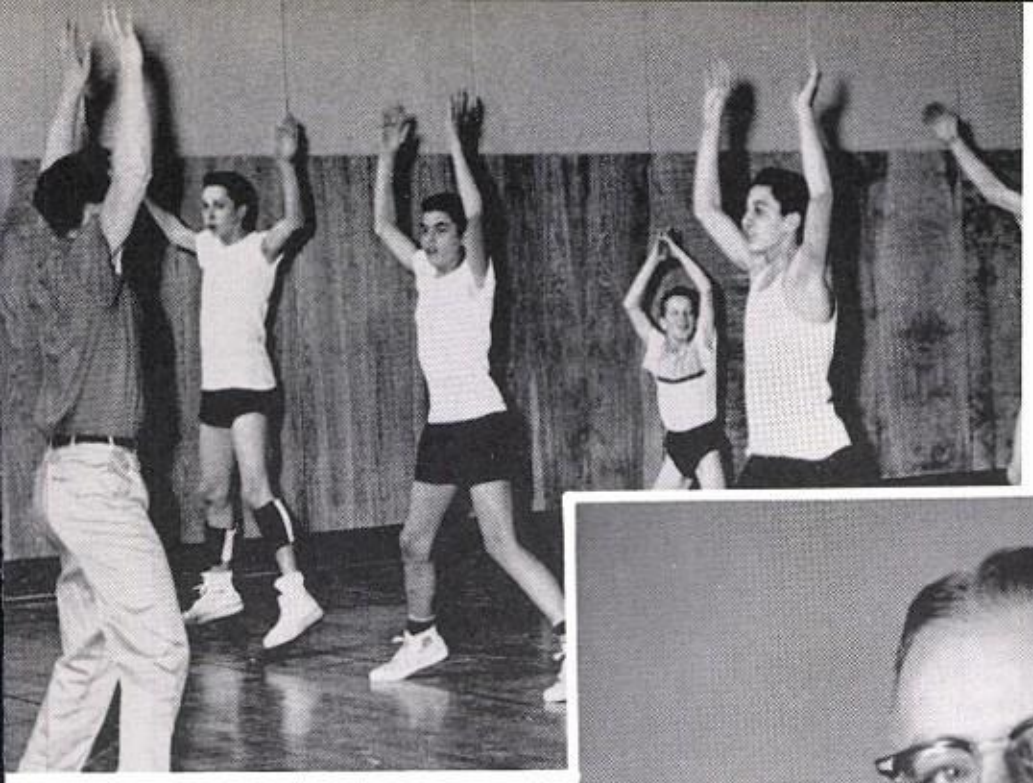
MR. ELWOOD PETERS
Instrumental Music



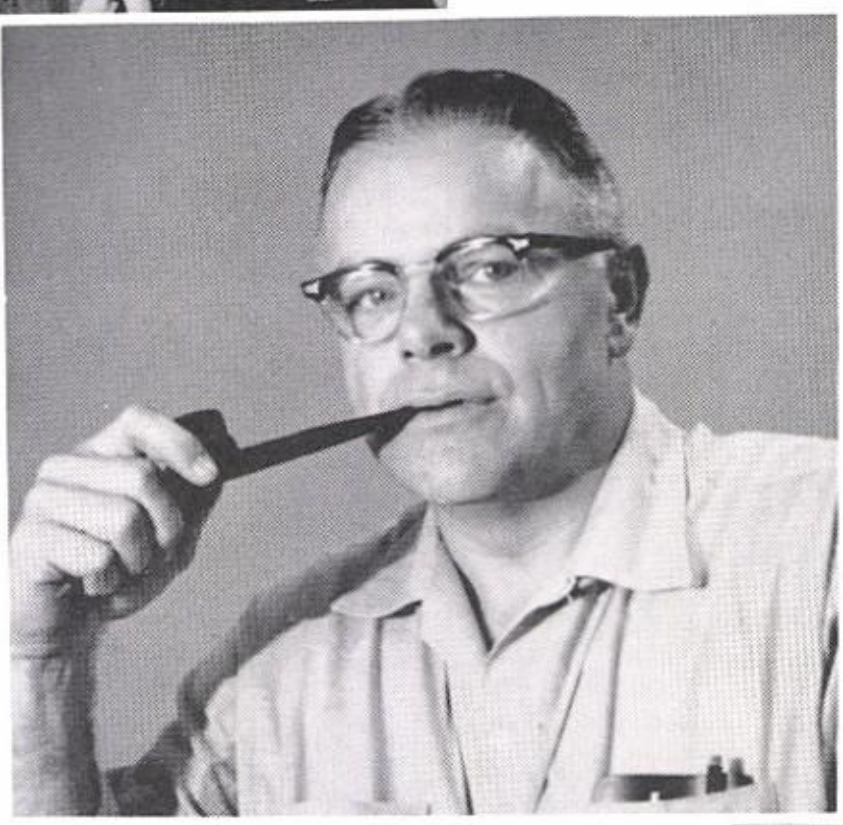
MR. PAUL WRIGHT
Vocal Music

"I mean like wow man - a real jam session," says Pat Cleary as Harrington, Pai, and Dempsey play it real cool.

STRENGTH AND COORDINATION THROUGH ATHLETICS



One . . . Two . . . Three . . . Four



MR. RICHARD ROSS
Physical Education Director

MR. RICHARD CURTIS
Elementary and Junior High Physical Education

MISS ELEANOR HARRIGER
Girls' Physical Education

"Come on girls, it's good for the figure," says Miss Harriger to her exhausted gym class.

THE BUILDERS AND PLANTERS OF TOMORROW

MR. WILLIAM CLEARY
Industrial Arts

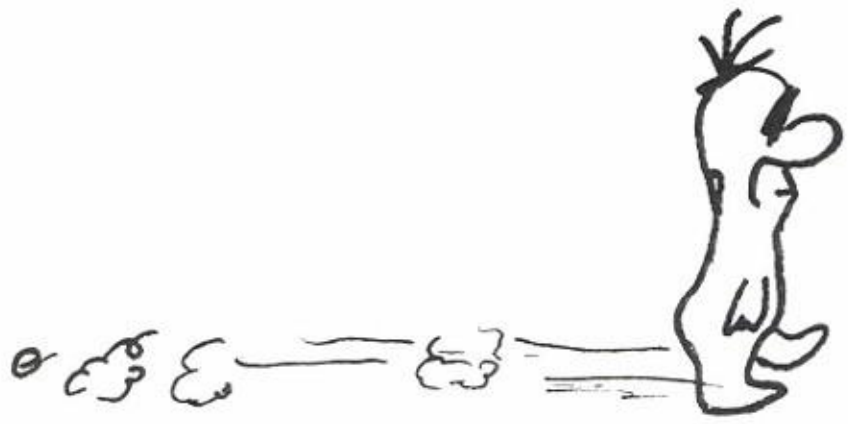
R. Lobur and T. Lobur receive advice on soldering from Mr. Cleary while Frady and Smith work on individual projects.

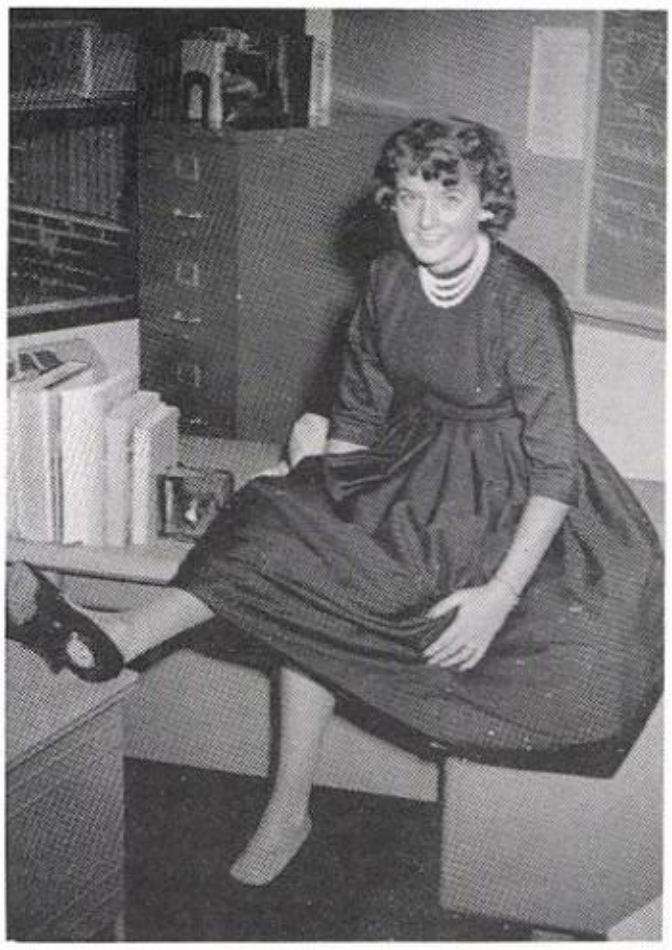
MR. HAROLD SCHEFFLER
Agriculture

AFTER A LONG HARD DAY . . .

The people who bring us from faraway places. Bus drivers, **left to right:** Benedict, Smith, Hall, Karn, R. Sheeder, Meeker, supervisor P. Sheeder, Snyder, Karlton.

TEACHERS HAVE DILEMMAS, TOO





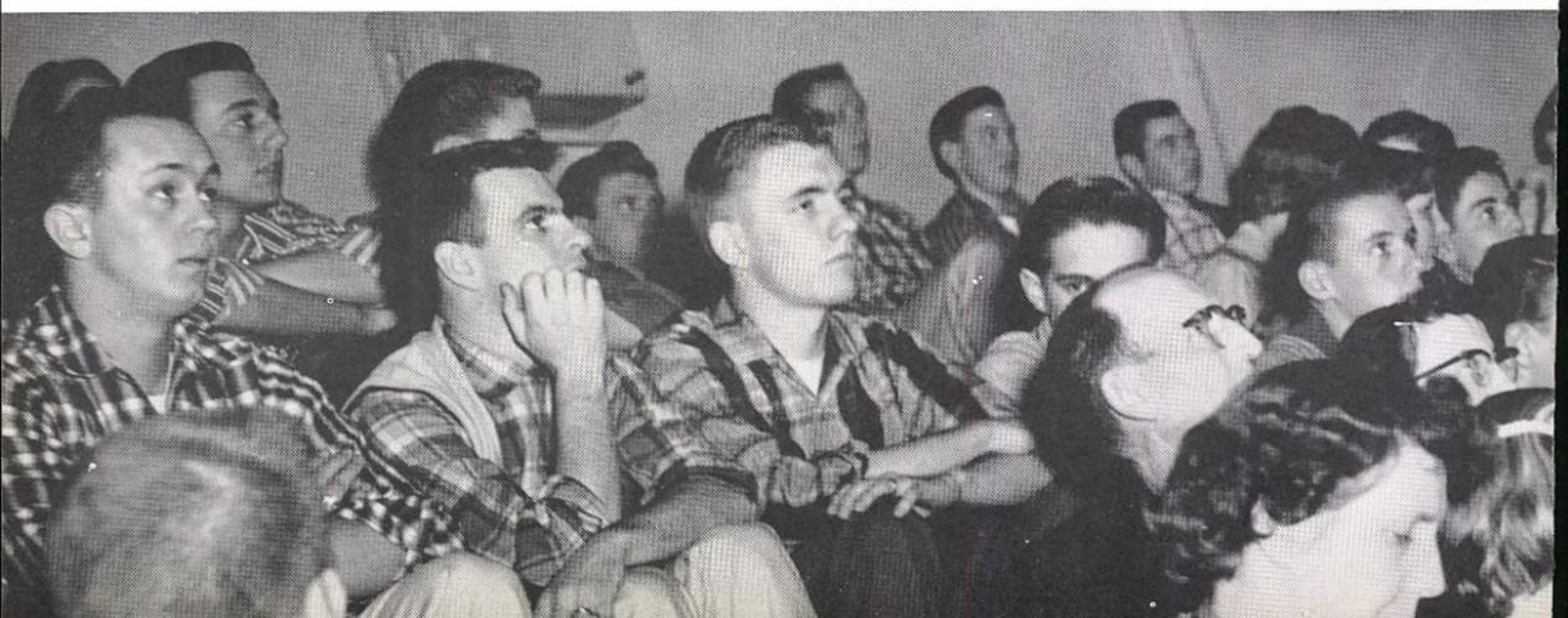
"Teaching is hard on the soul — and on footwear, too," grins Mrs. Shafer.

"It's even more economical this way," explains Mr. Peters to spouse.

Teamwork, coordination, quick thinking, strength — all these, necessary to any athlete, are just not a part of my make-up. I'm not the outdoor type, that's all. And the way these boys work, the only time I ever get my foot inside that gym door is when an especially obvious mistake is made.

This is good — for those who participate in sports learn the importance of my absence; they learn to control themselves and me in them. When the season is over, whether we have won or lost, each one has gained something valuable from the experence.

But this learning is not limited to the players. The spectators, too, benefit from the sports activities of our school. How to behave, how to enjoy the thrill of winning or to accept the crush of defeat — these are skills as valuable as those the players learn. With this kind of spirit in the air, I go unnoticed; I'm just lost in the crowd.



SPORTS

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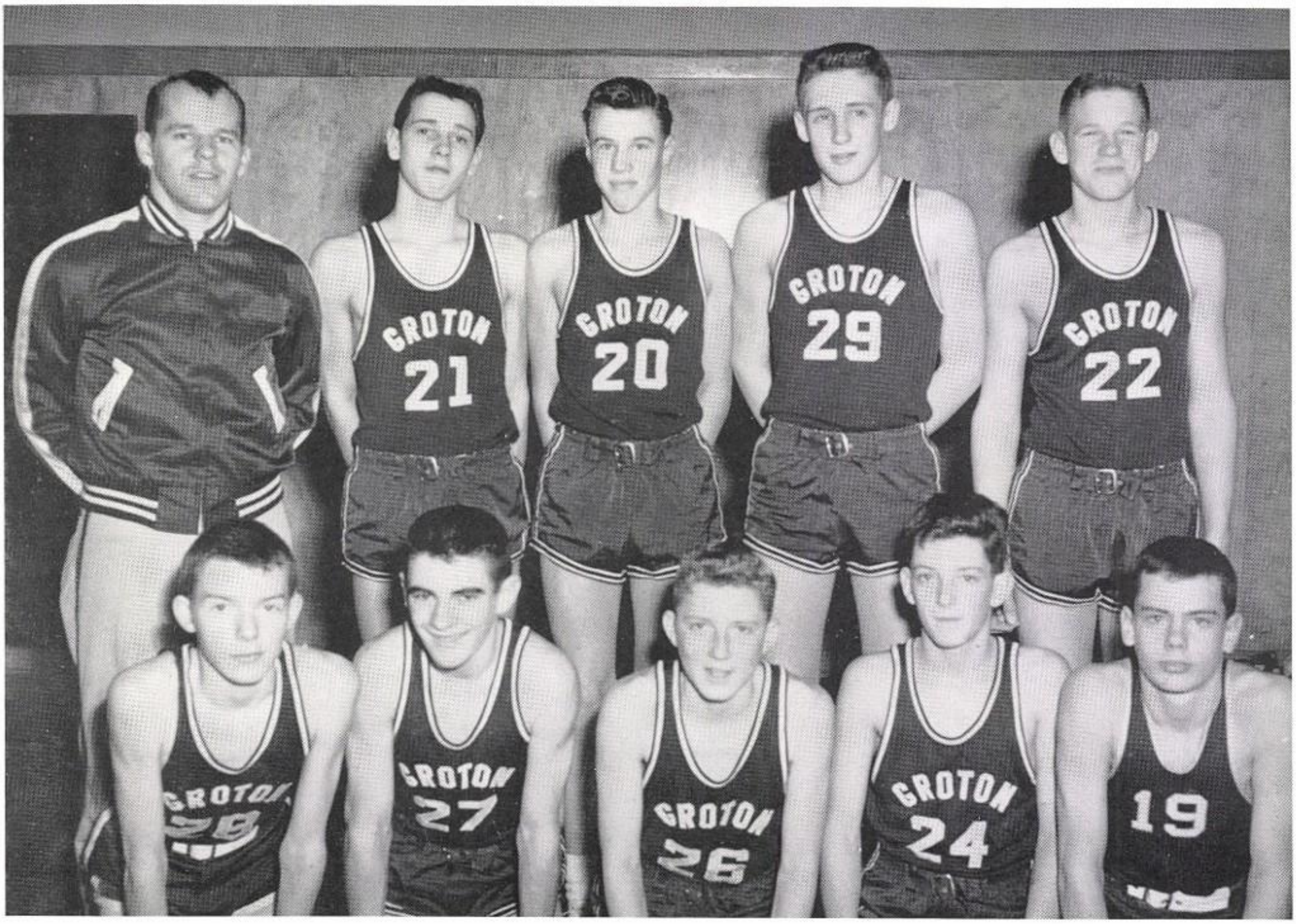
J.V. BASKETBALL



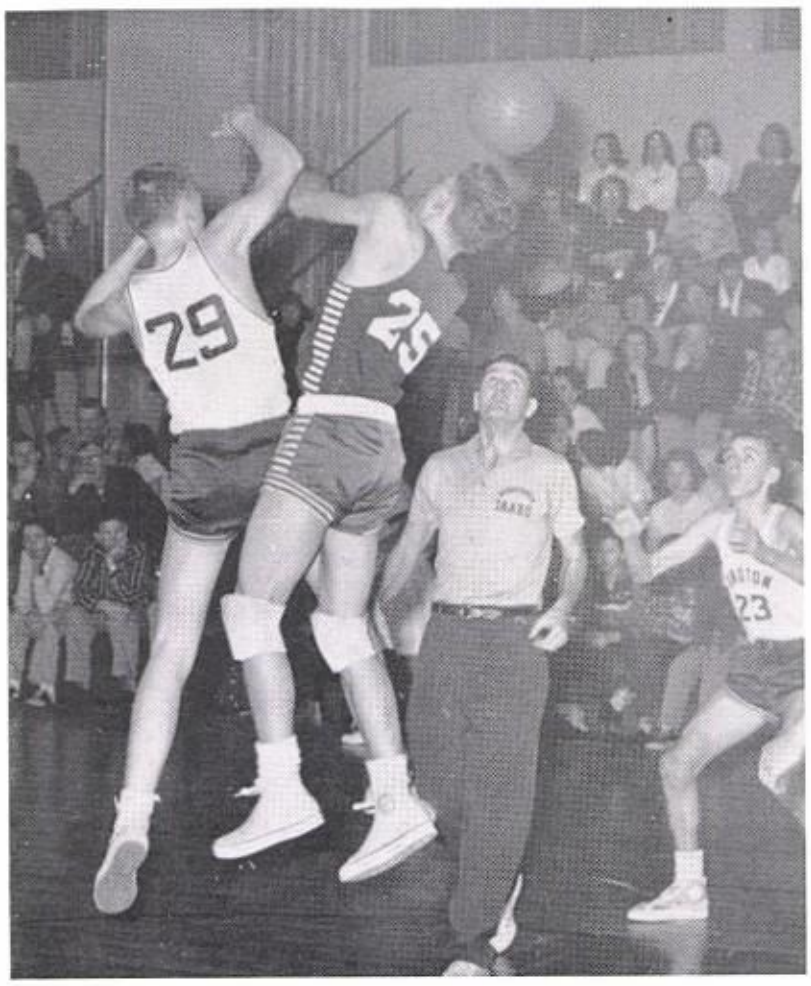
Top, Left to Right: Coach Mochelle, Stockton, Jones, Hammond, Gallagher. **Bottom:** Webster, Ryan, Doty, Heffron, McLear.

YOUNG

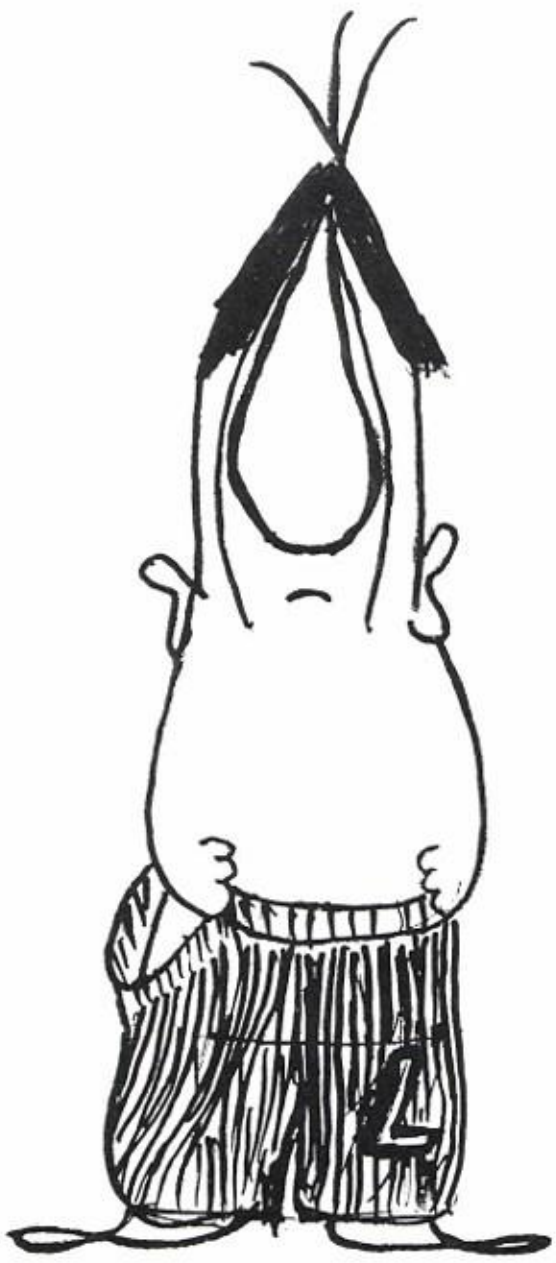
BUT

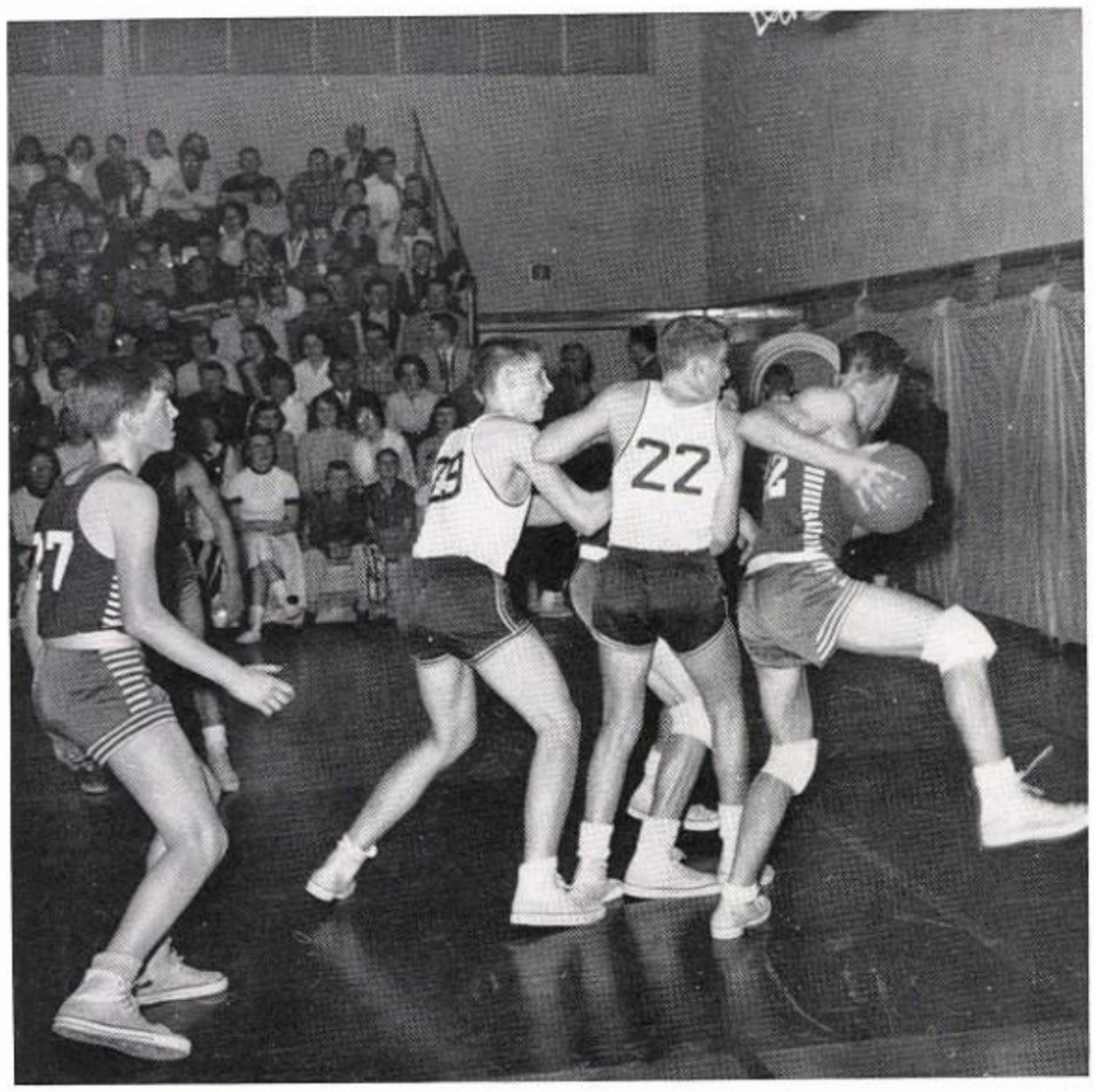
FURIOUS

MUSCLES TIGHTEN AS TENSION GROWS



Groton controls the jump ball as Hammond taps it to Smith.

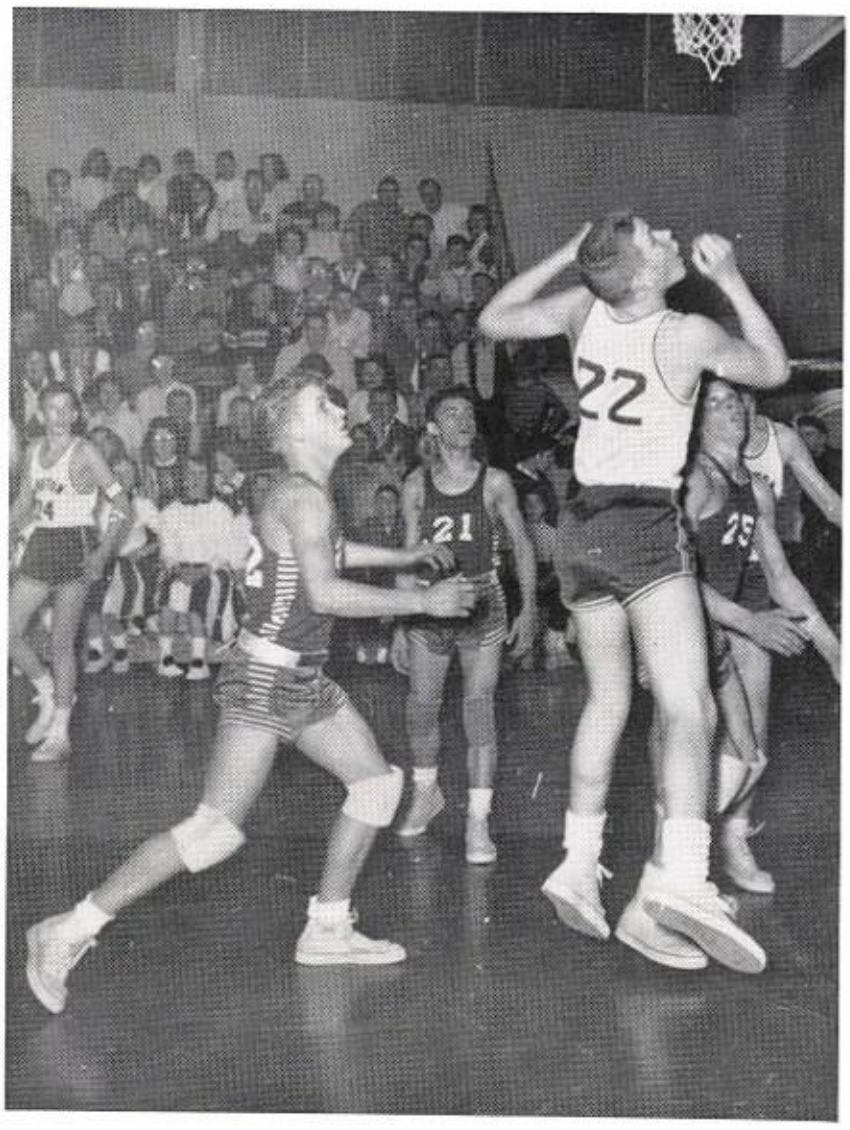




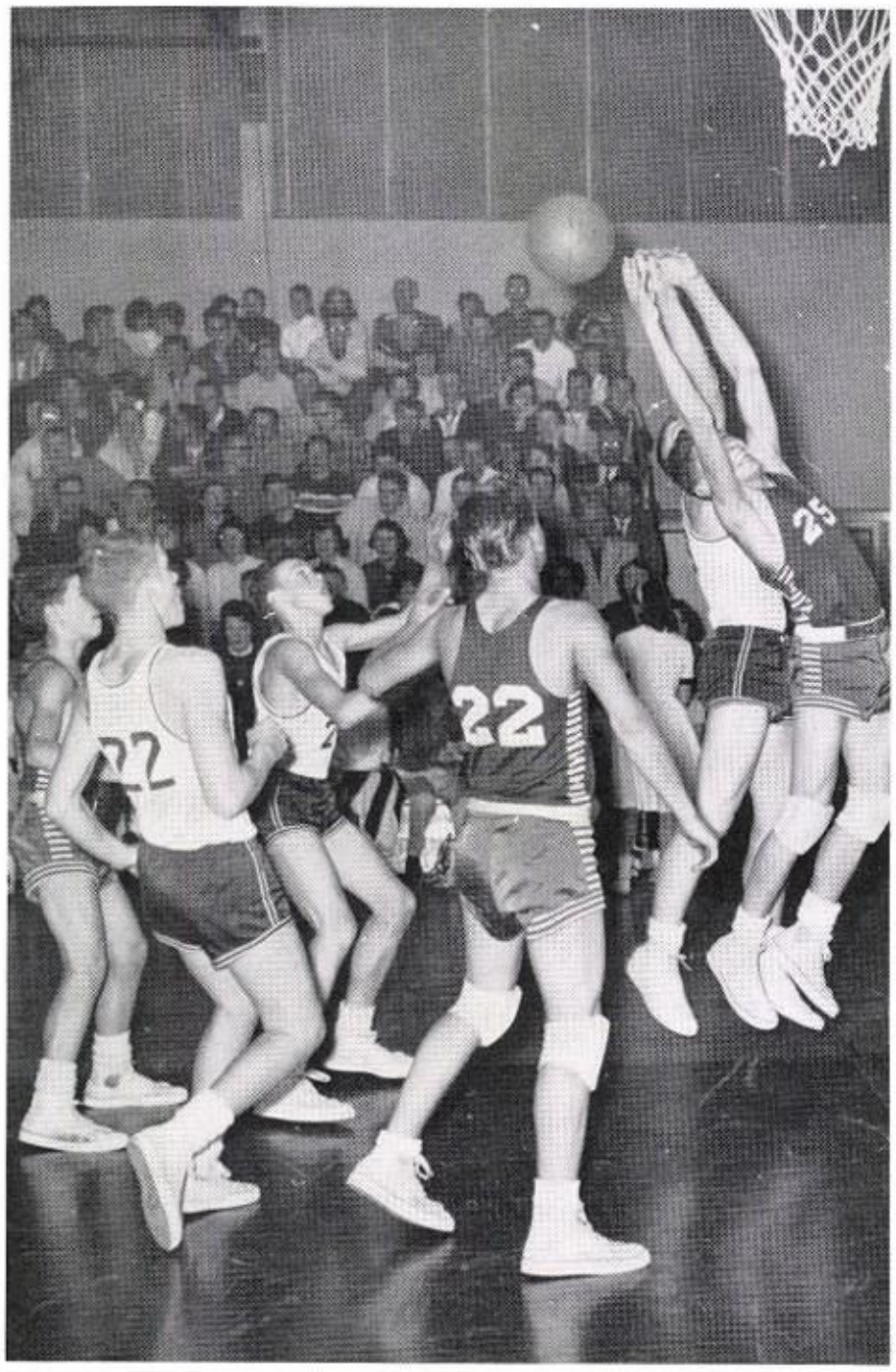
"Where does he think he's going?" wonders Jim Gallagher.

J.V.'S DOWN

DRYDEN

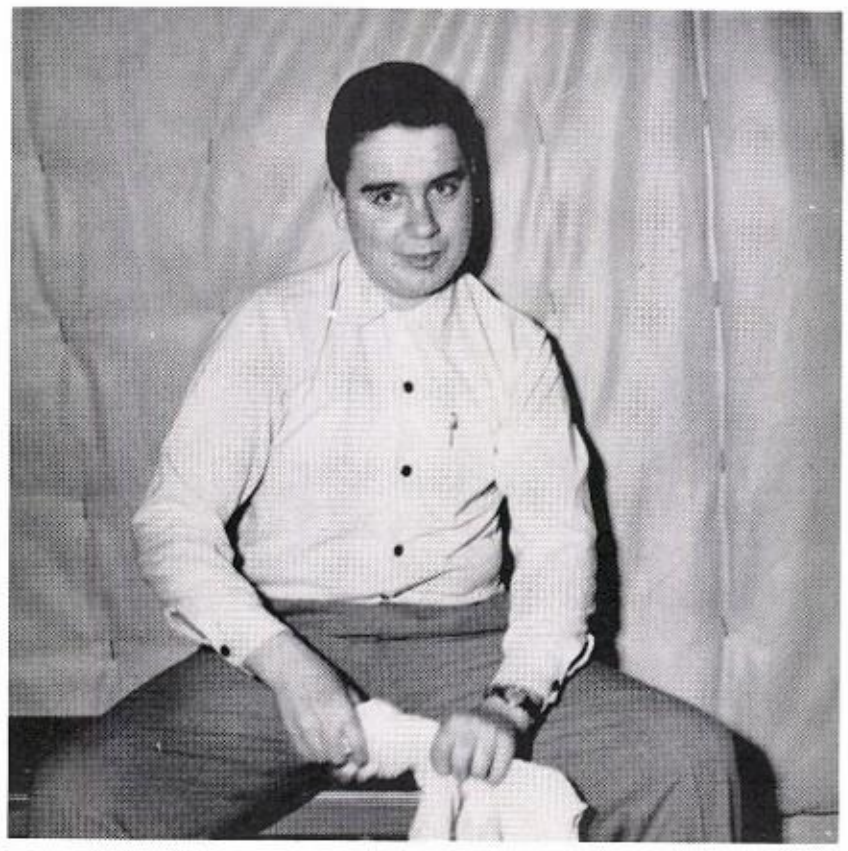


Jim Gallagher scores a goal for Groton against Dryden.

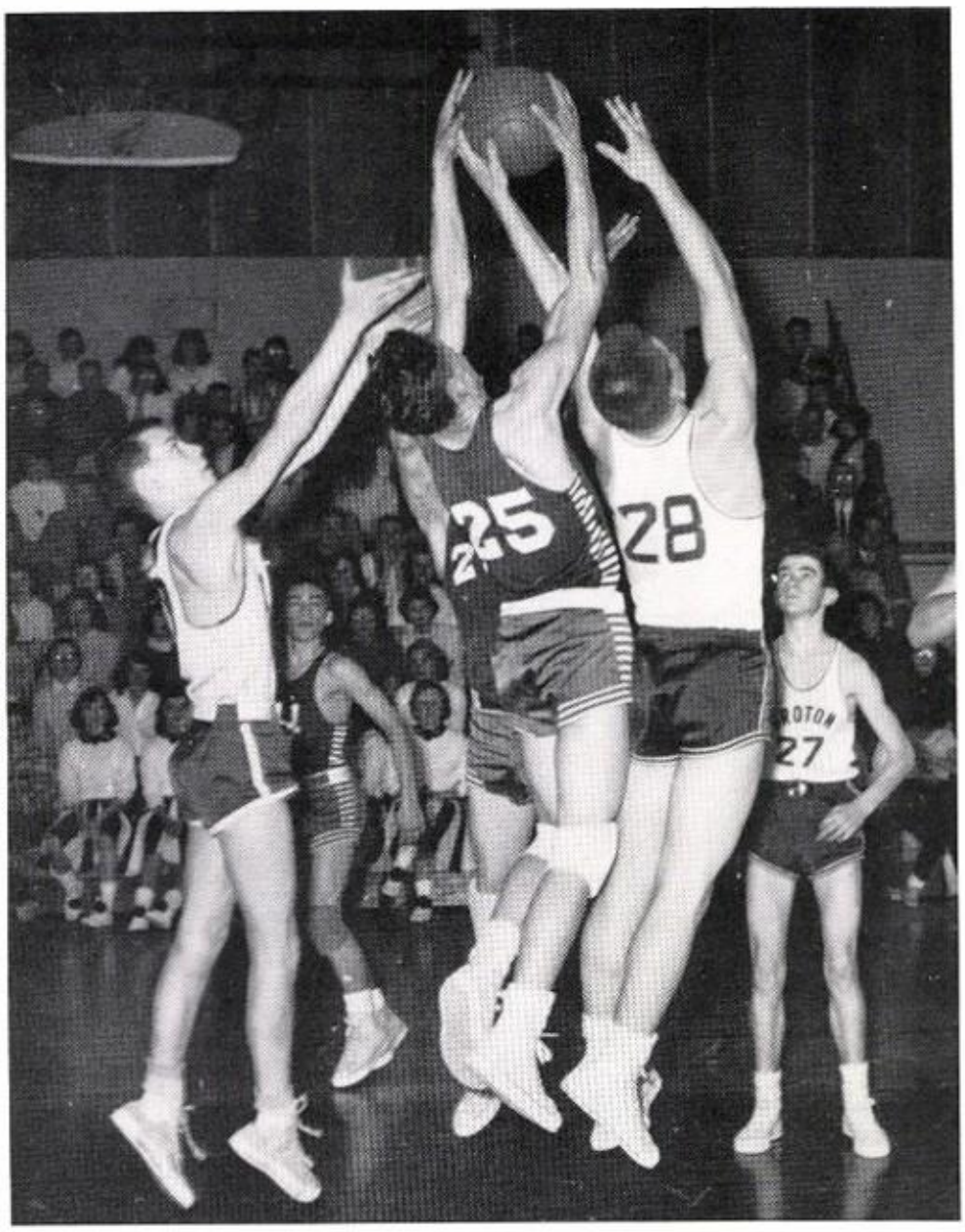


Rebound, rebound — who's got the rebound?

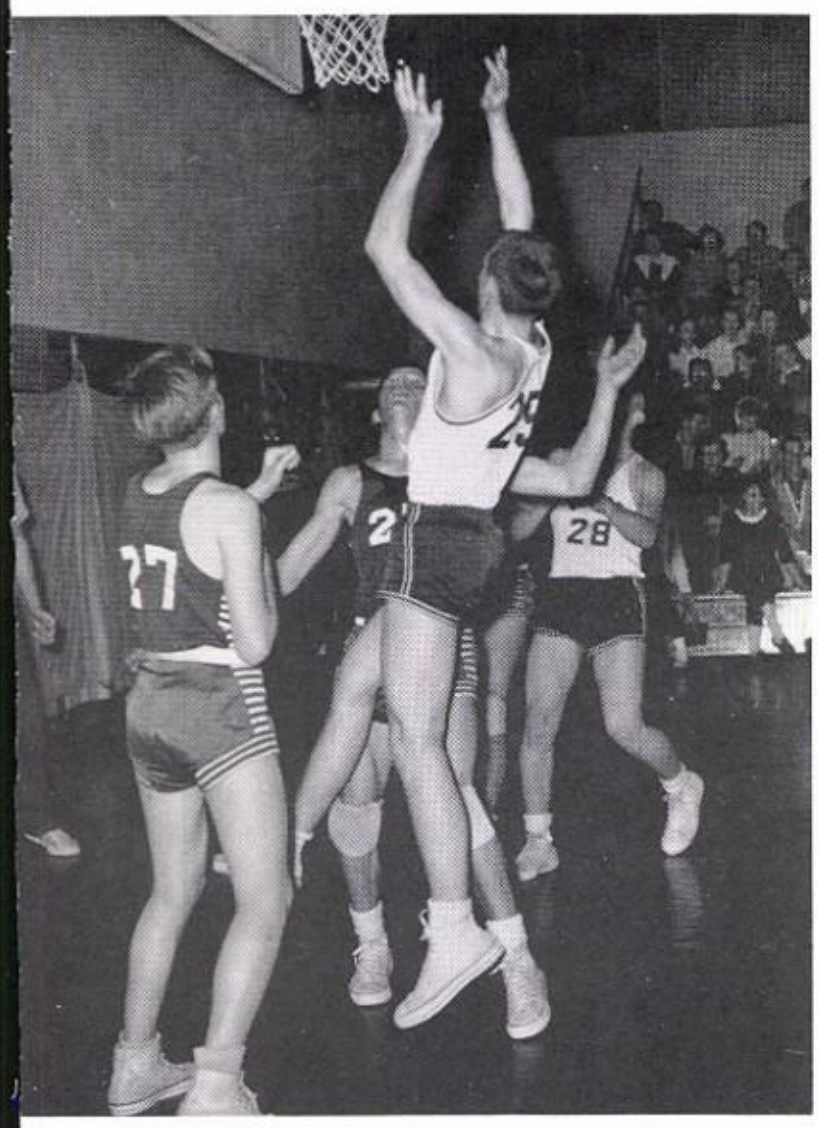
J.V. manager Bob Walpole picks up Varsity coache's well-known habit of towel wringing.



JUMPING TO GLORY



McLear rushes to Hammond's assistance while Ryan waits tensely in the background.

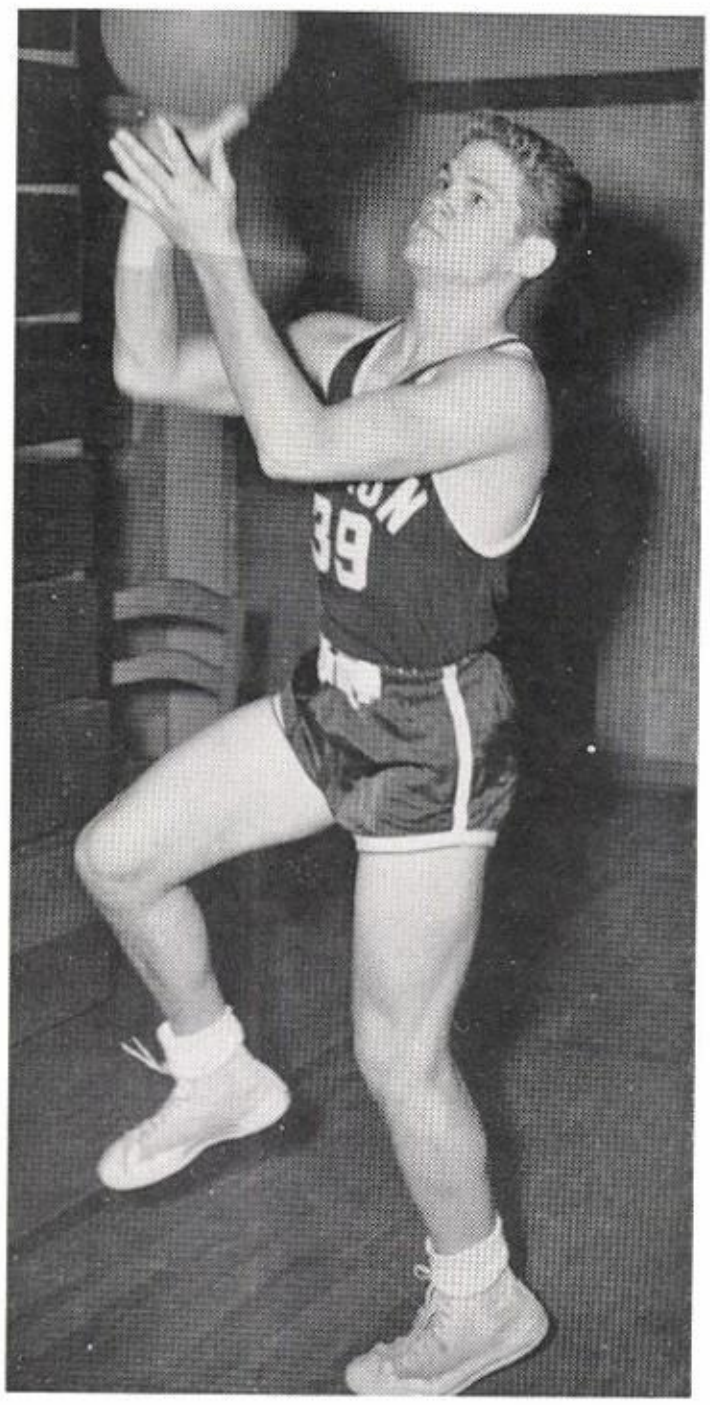


Hammond scores against defenseless opponents.

GROTON		OPPONENT	
Groton	59	Newfield	27
Groton	60	T-Burg	54
Groton	75	Cinci	44
Groton	50	Dryden	54
Groton	53	Lansing	44
Groton	45	New. Valley	56
Groton	63	Candor	38
Groton	46	T-Burg	36
Groton	71	Marathon	73
Groton	45	St. Mary's	57
Groton	57	Newfield	38
Groton	52	Marathon	50
Groton	58	Dryden	38
Groton	55	Lansing	50

DRIBBLE . . . PIVOT . . .

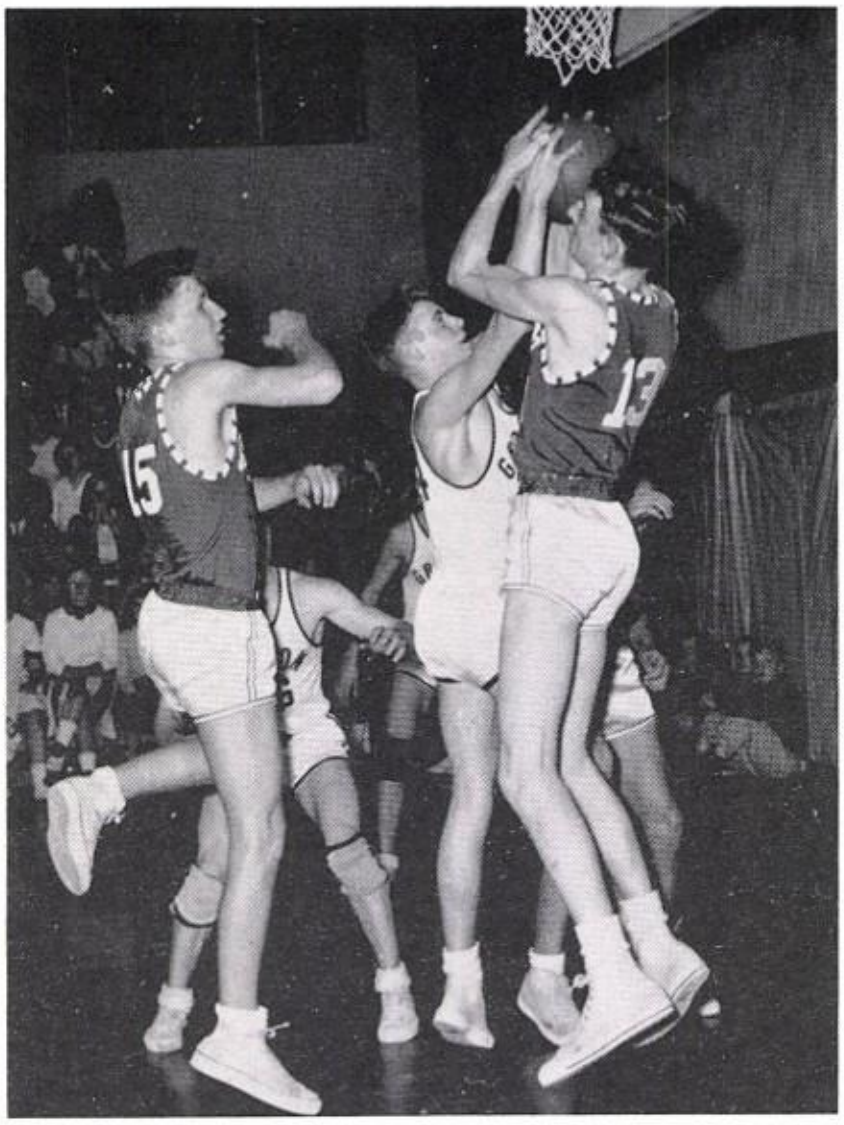
Blazick drives for layup, while Lansing opponents await rebound.



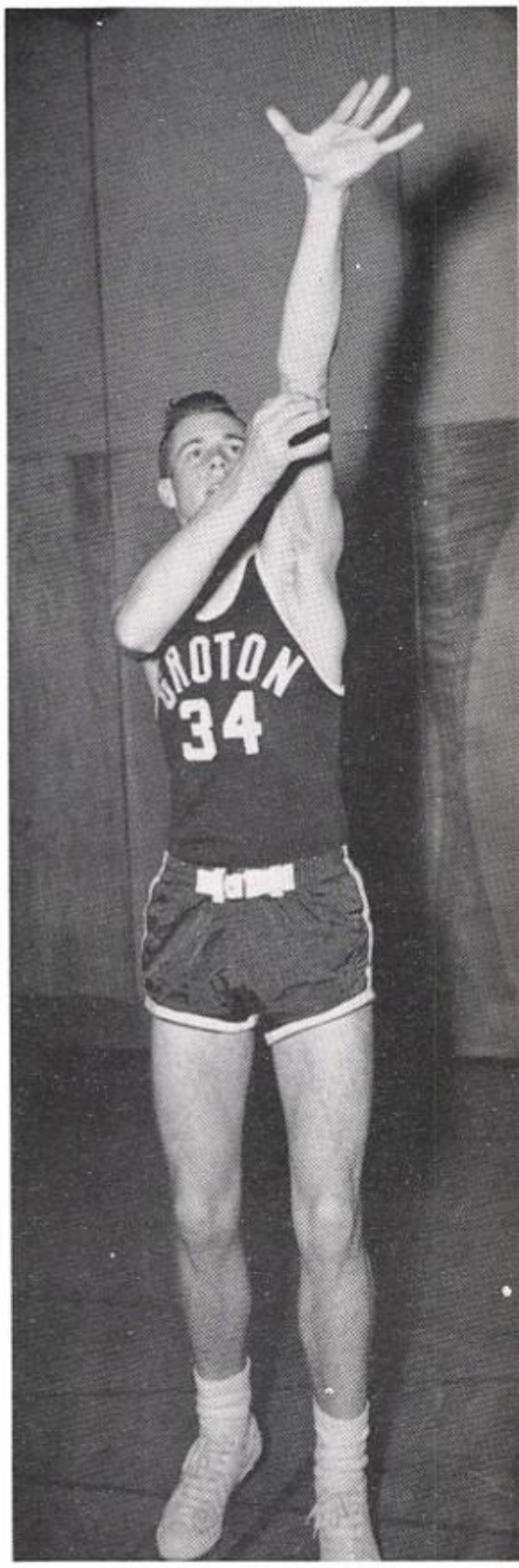
Dave Blazick

Manager Bill Wadsworth finds himself busy packing varsity uniforms for another away game.

. . . TWO POINTS!



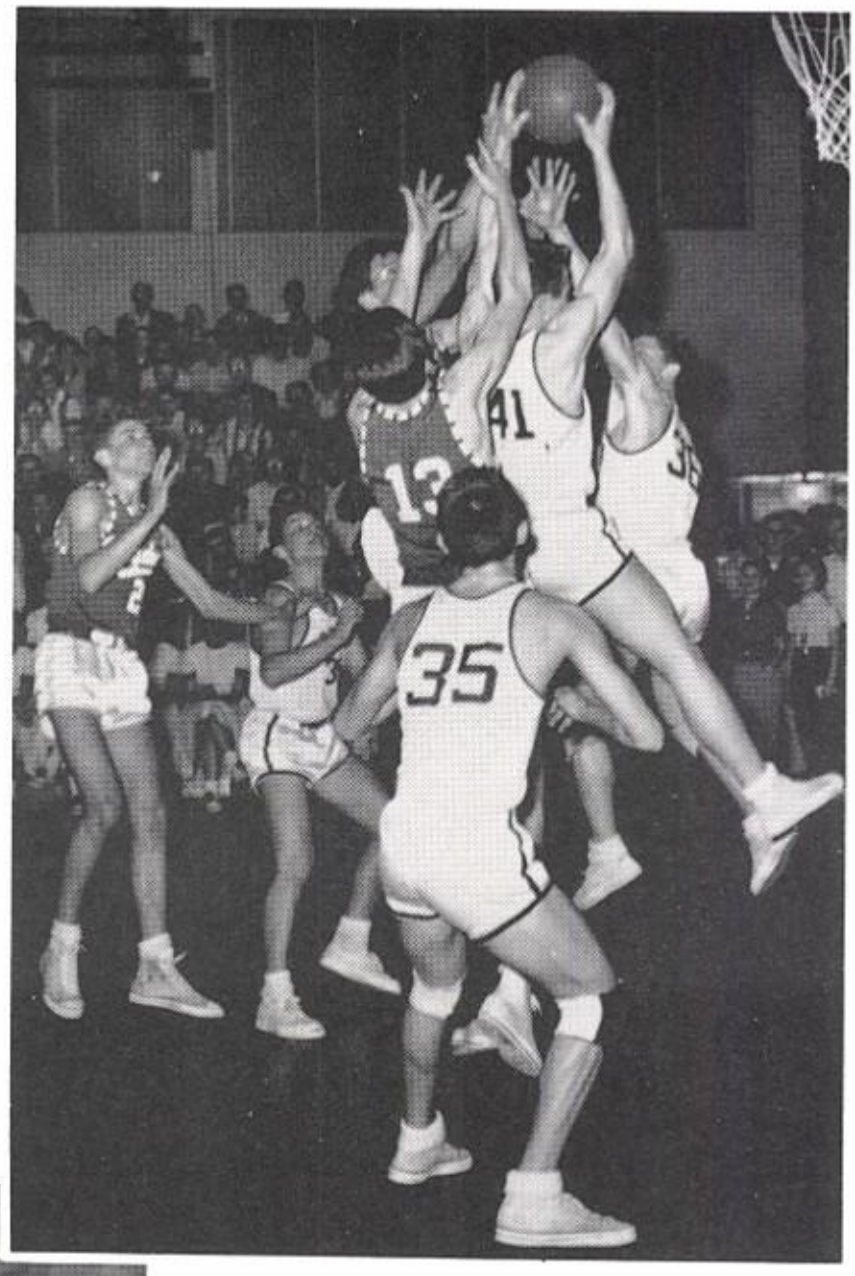
Lou Jones struggles with opponents for rebound.



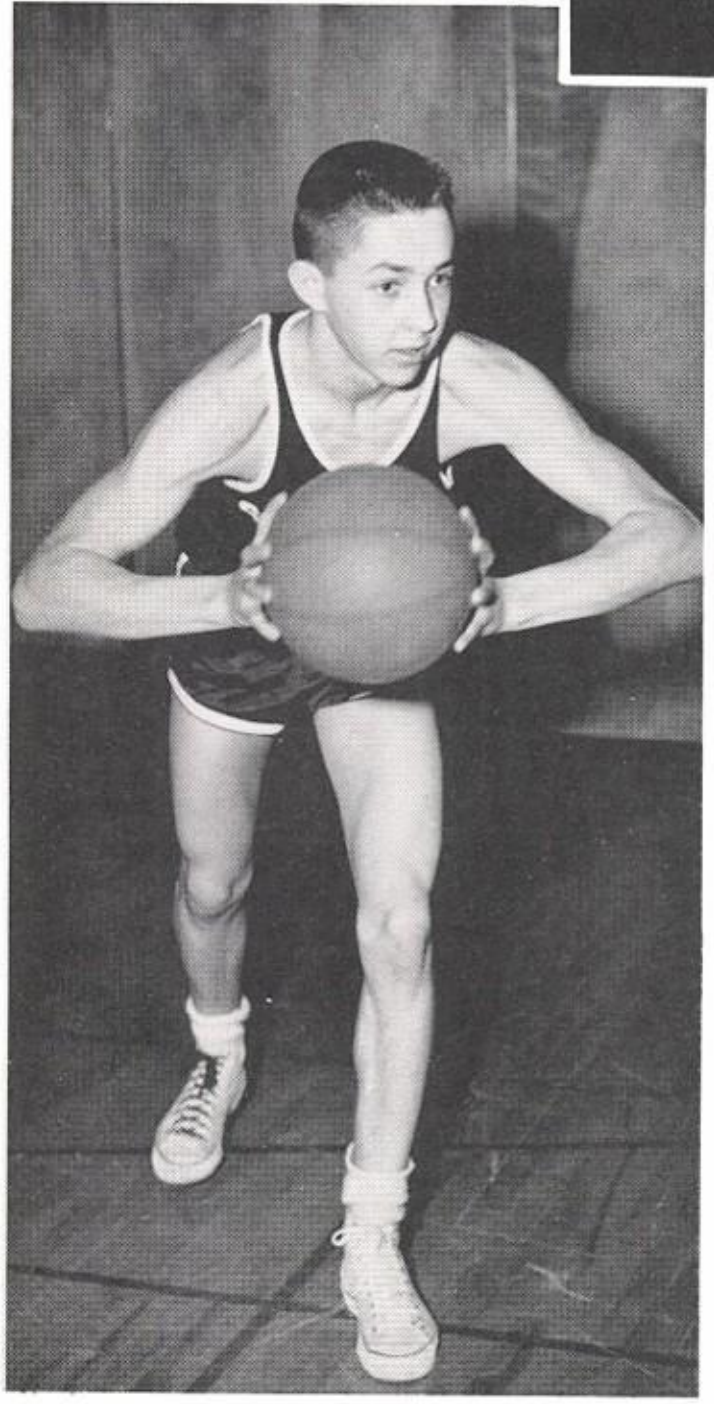
Lou Jones

Don Court tries for a goal with Burke waiting for a possible rebound.

GO GROTON GO



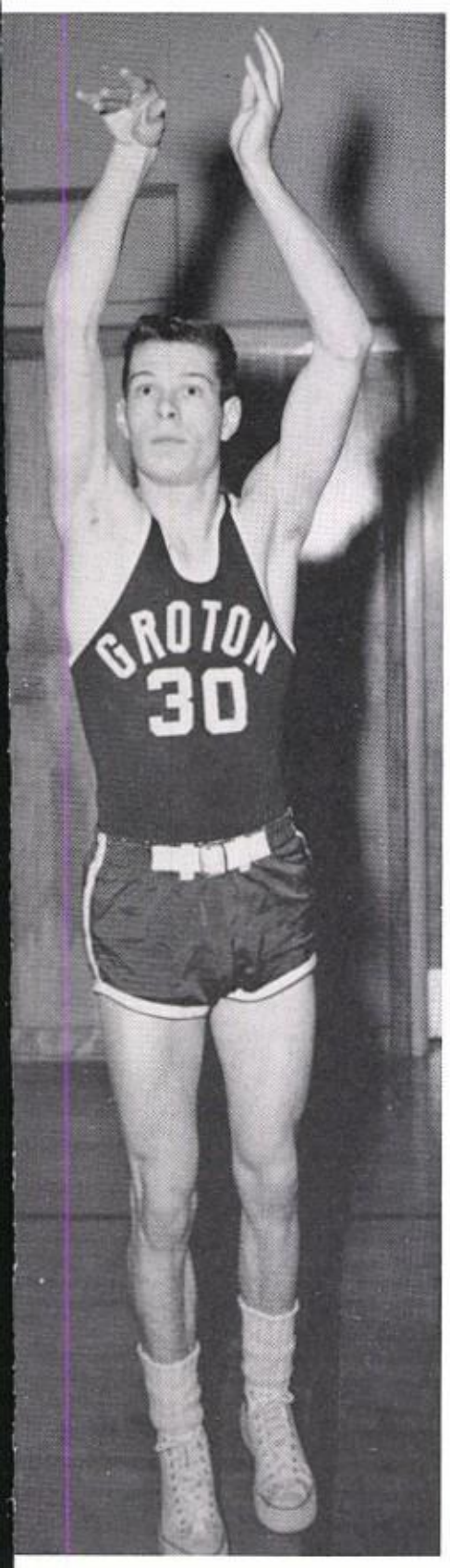
Groton gains possession of rebound through Court and Jackson with Burke and Blazick waiting further action.



Stan Burke

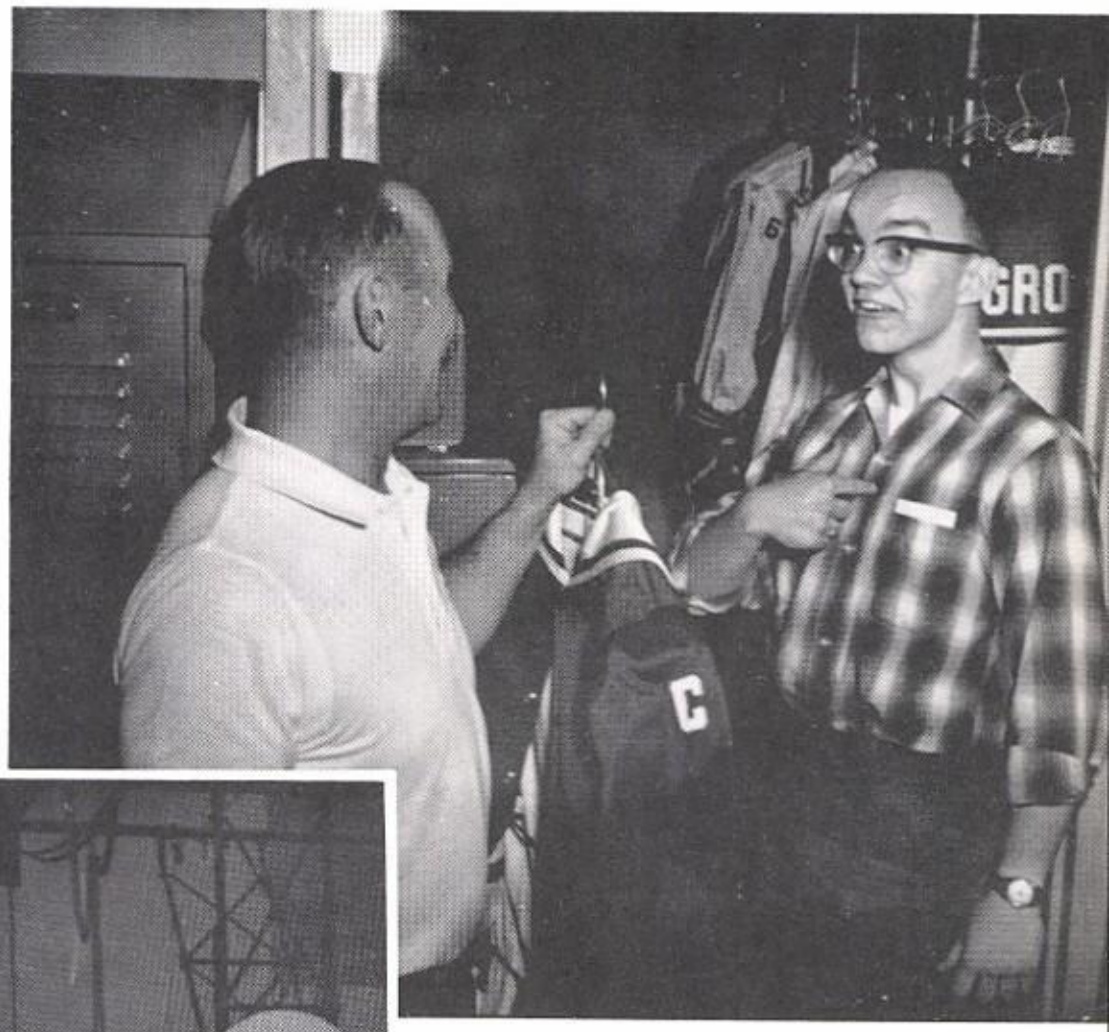
Don Court

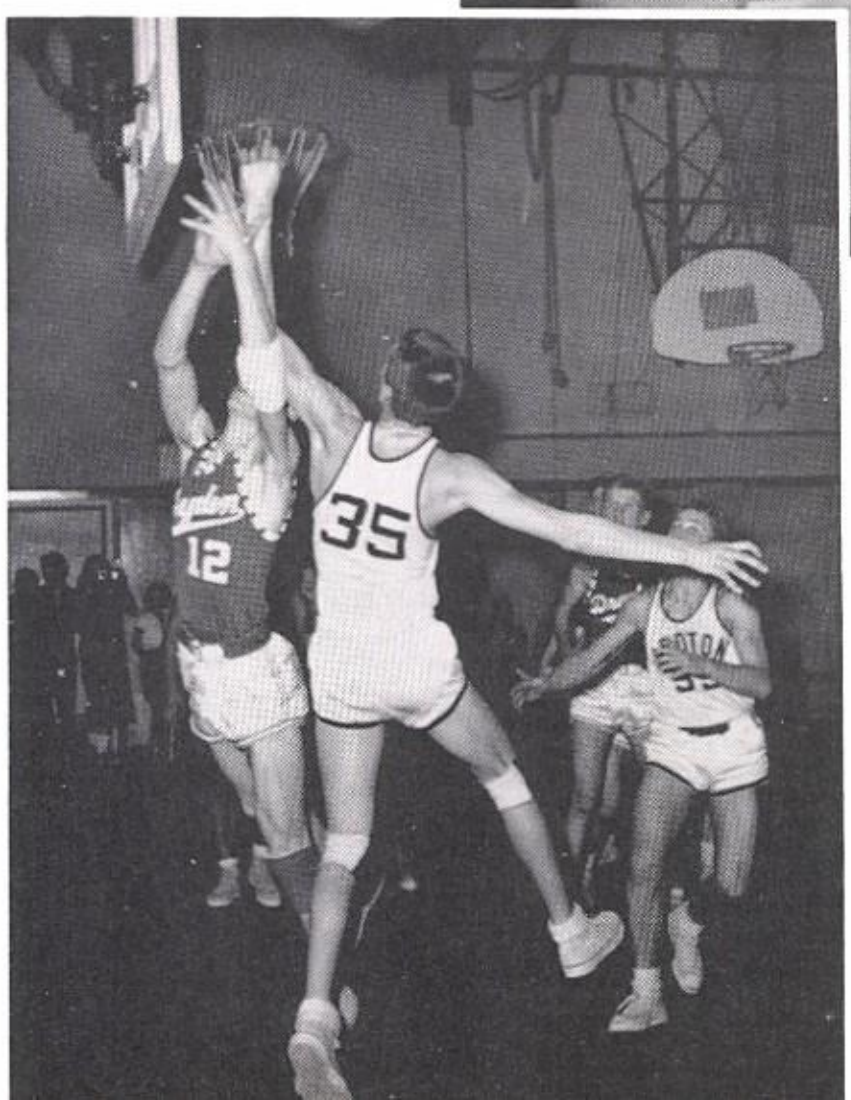
GROTON CAPTURES SECOND IN LEAGUE



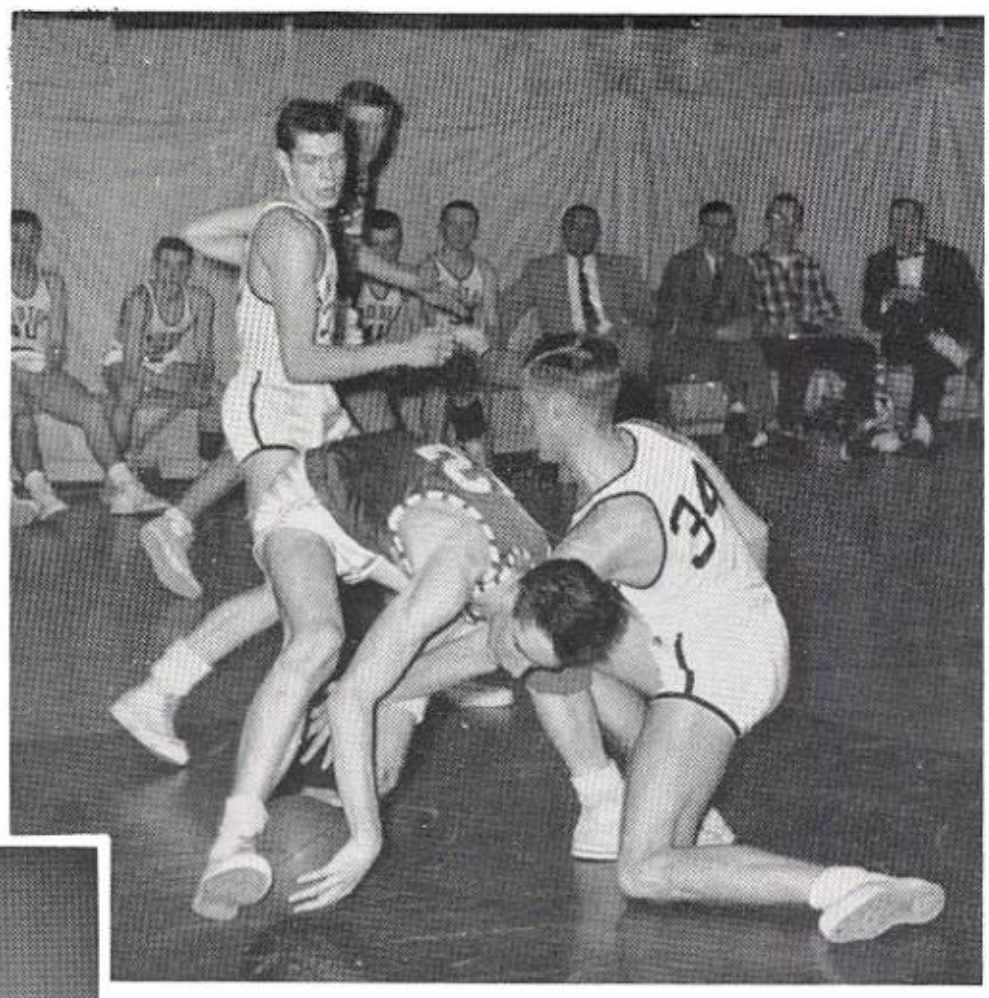
Doug Frady

"Who, me?" asks Manager Dempsey.

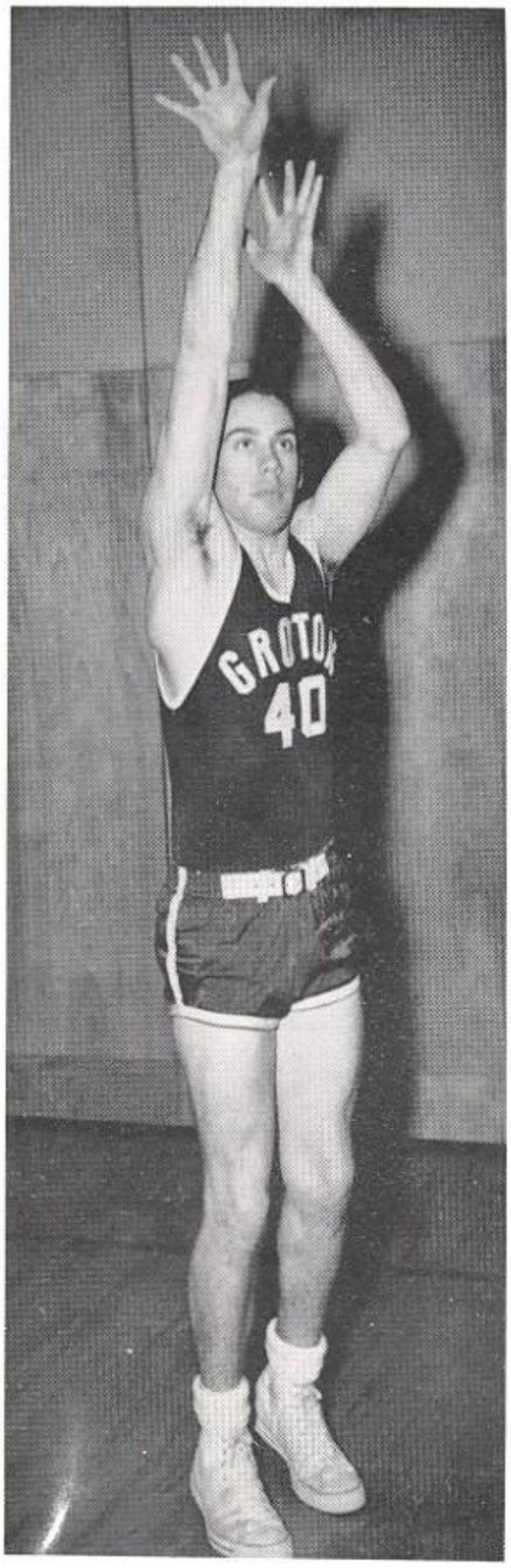




Burke checks Dryden's attempt to score.

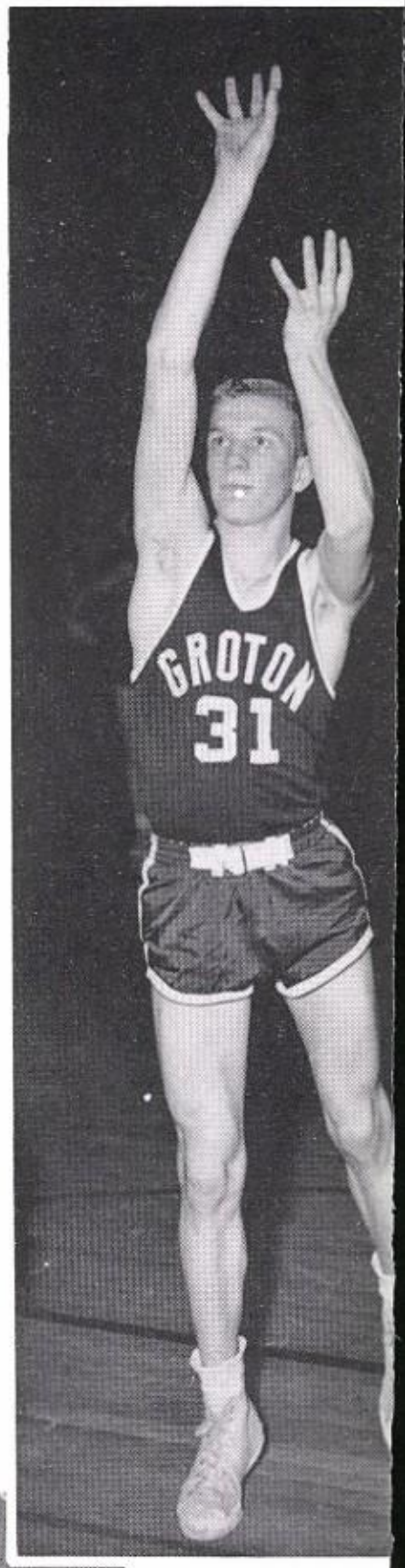


"Just a little bit further," groans Jones.



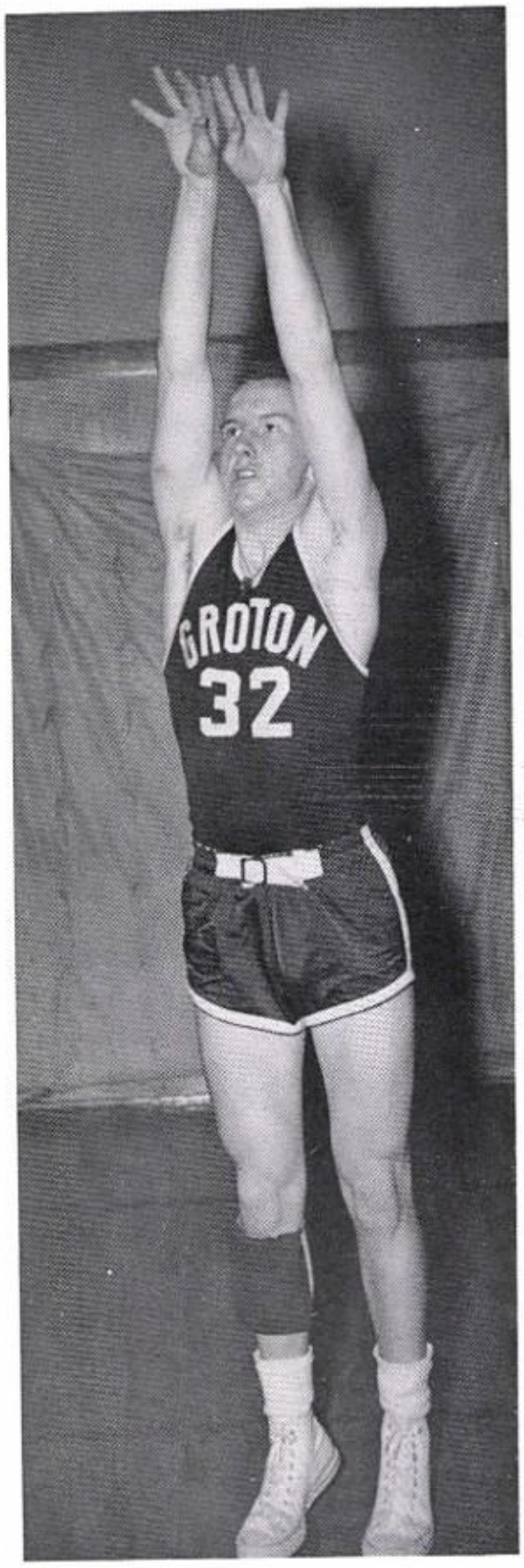
Dave Updike

Bob Regan

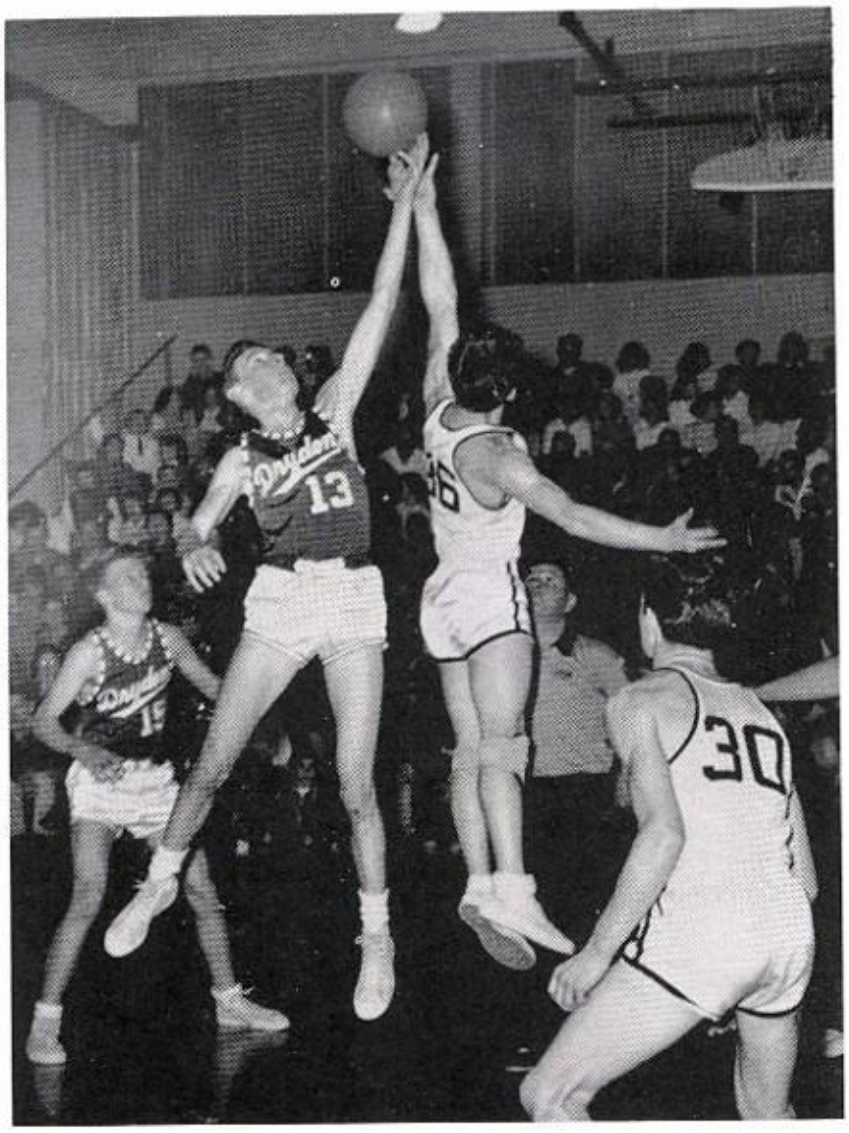


Stan Burke blocks Dryden's attempt for a goal.

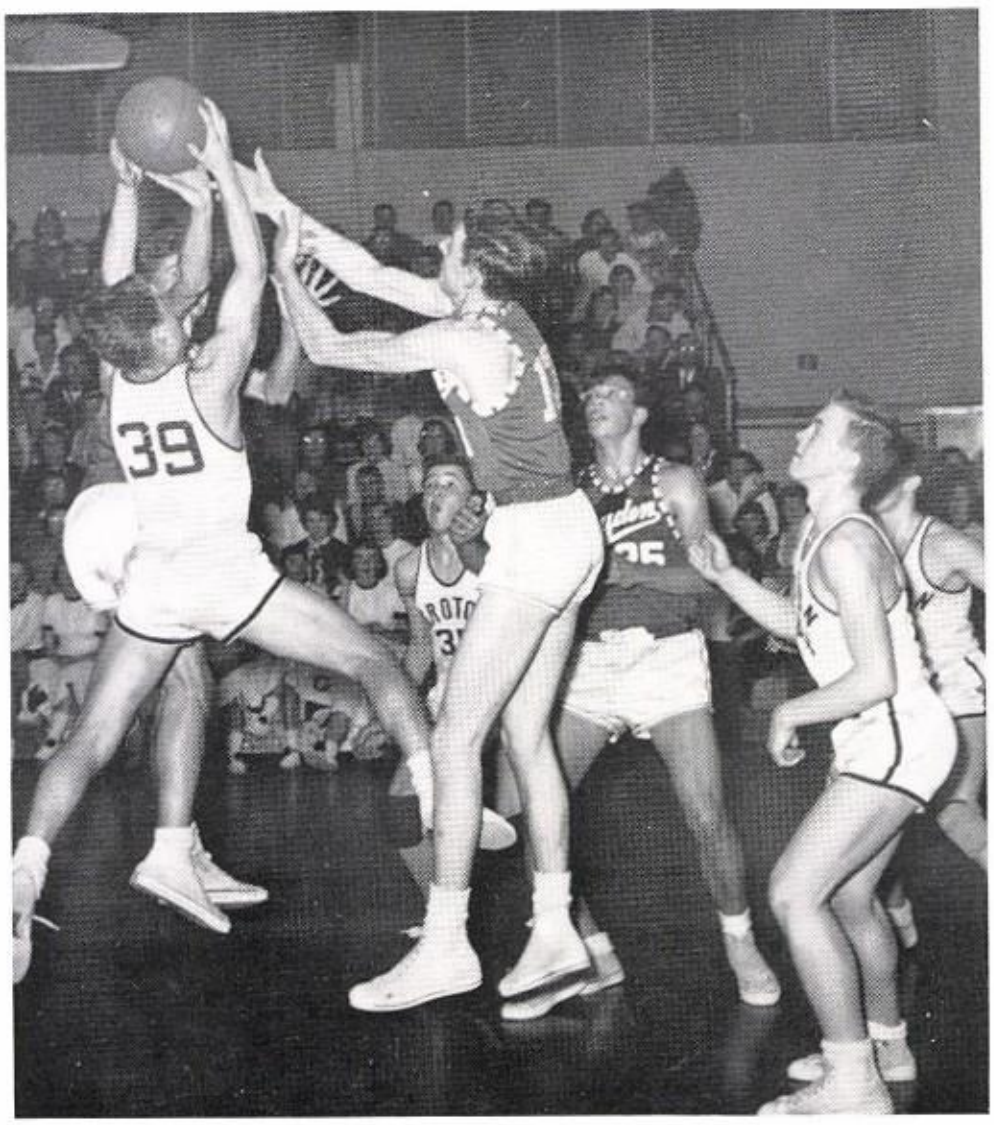
CONQUER LIONS



Mickey Harrington

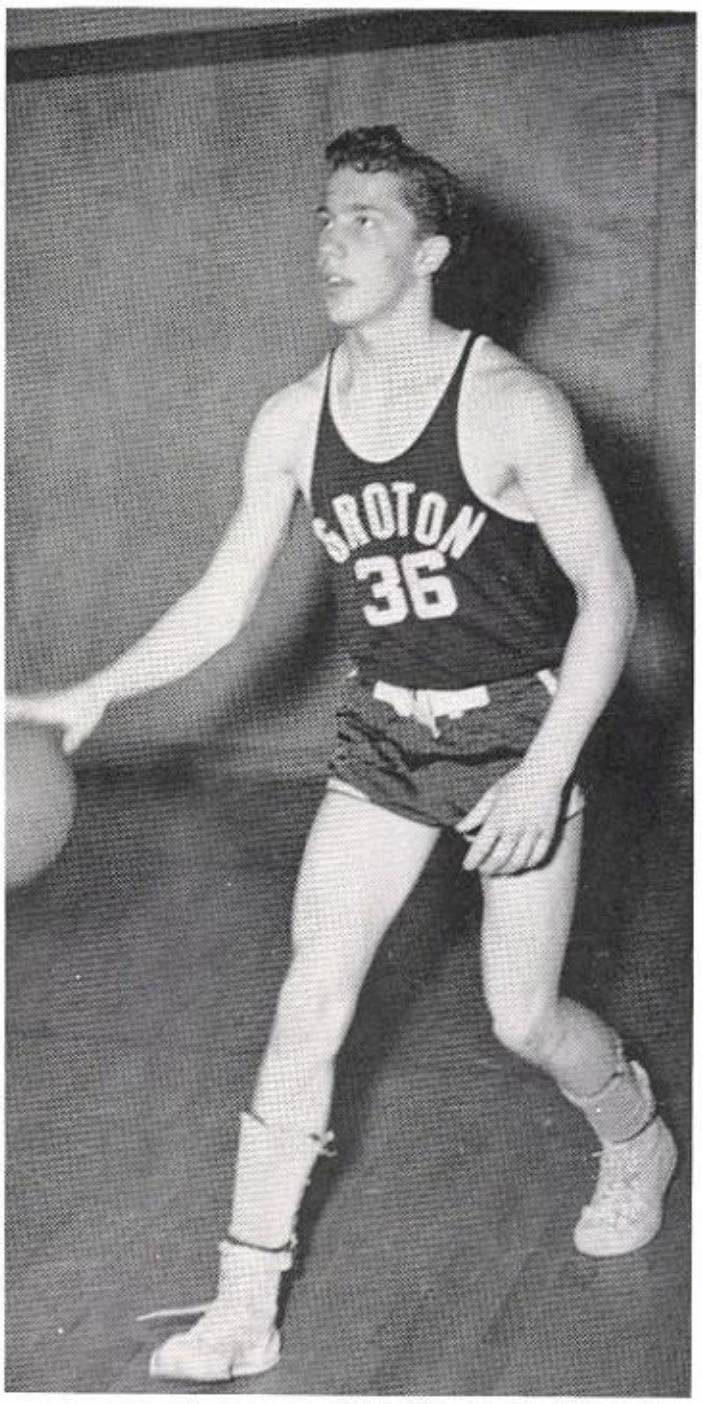


Frady moves into position to receive the tapped ball from Jackson.

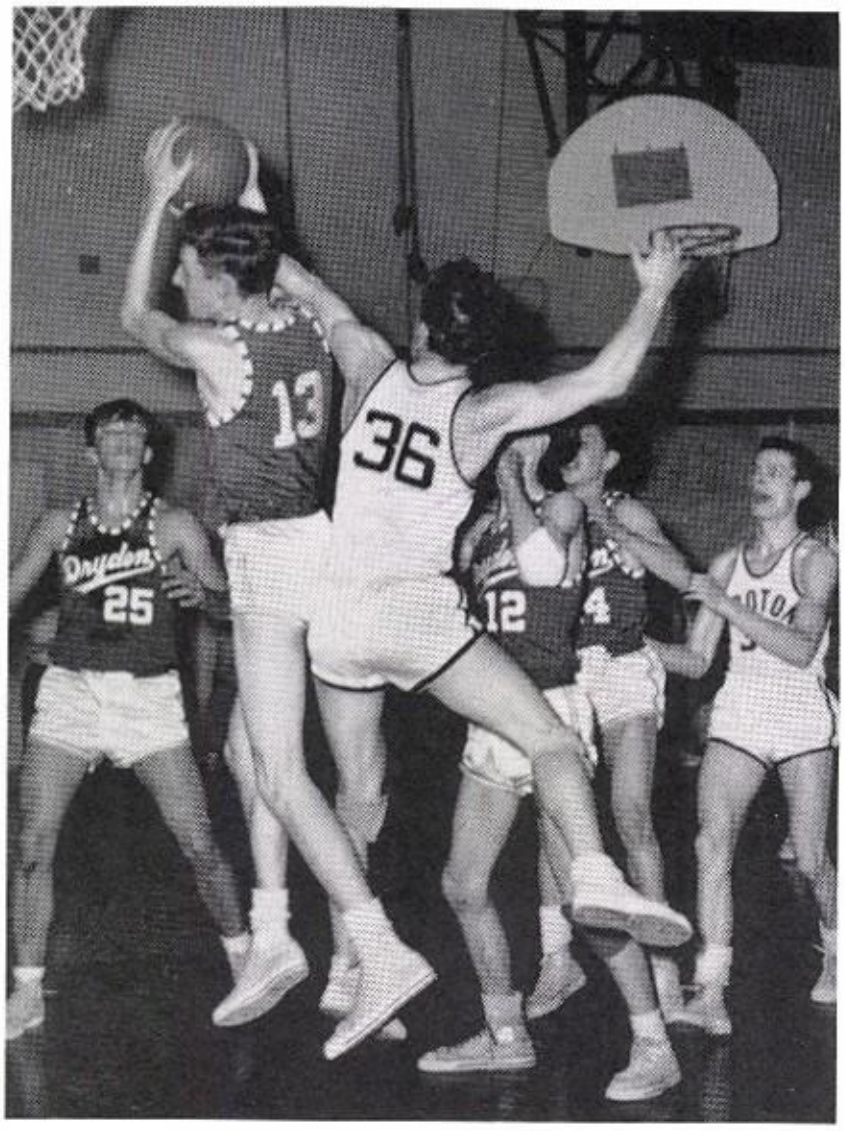


Blazick finds himself in correct position to recover rebound.

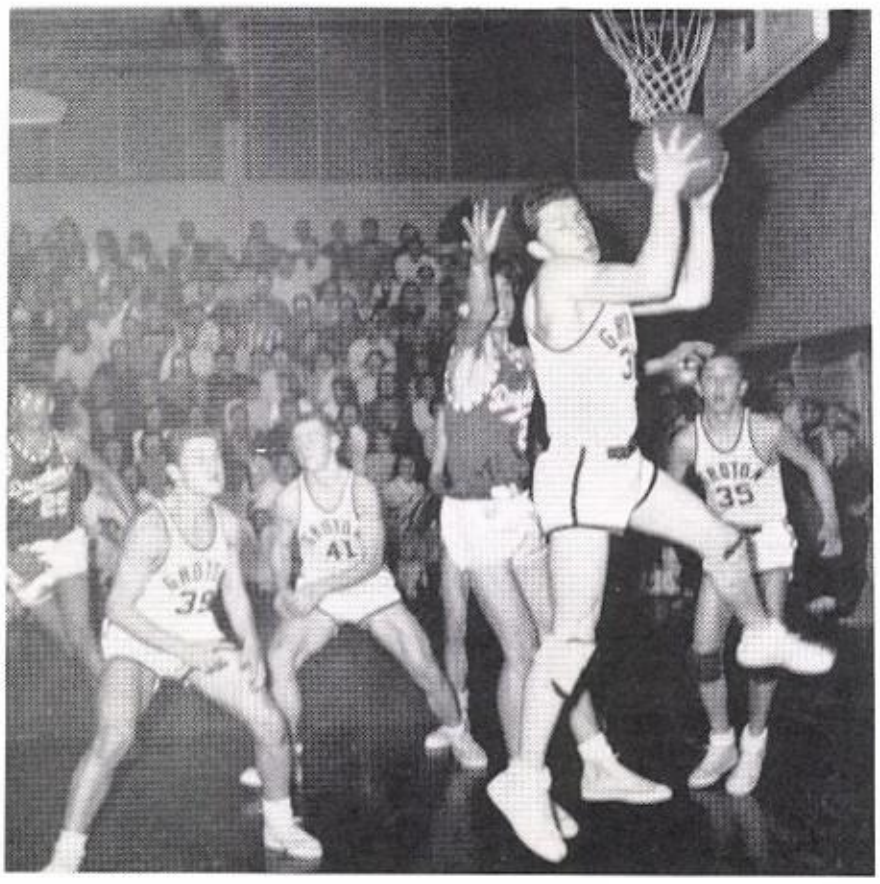
CAGERS AGAIN HAVE



Bob Jackson



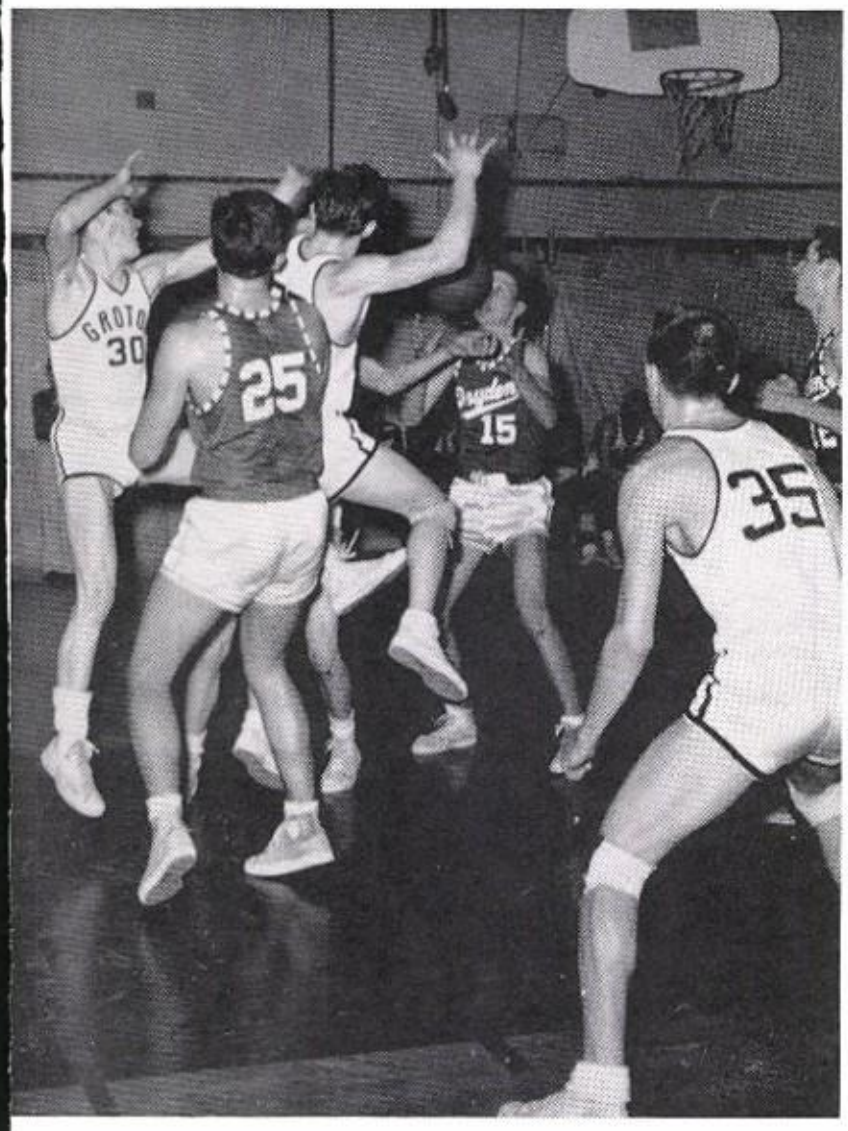
"Come here with that ball," says Jackson.

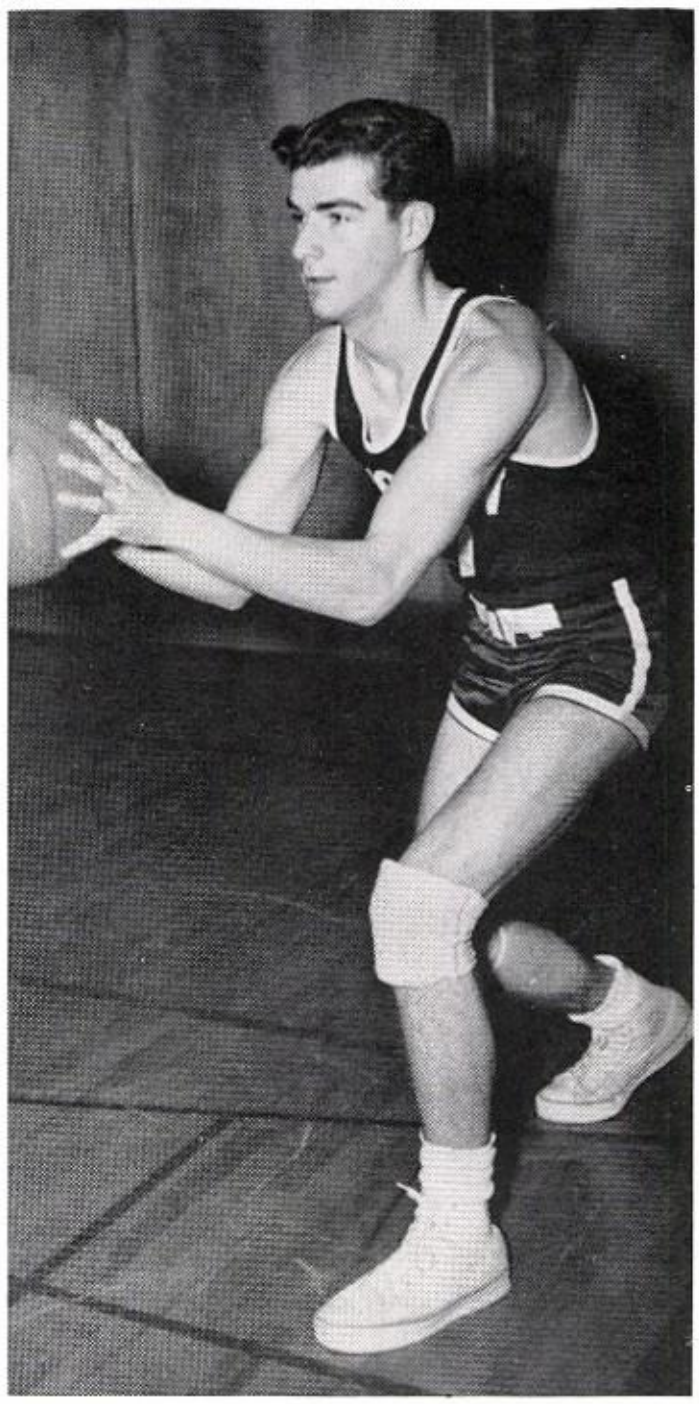


Jackson snags rebound for Groton.

SUPERIOR SEASON

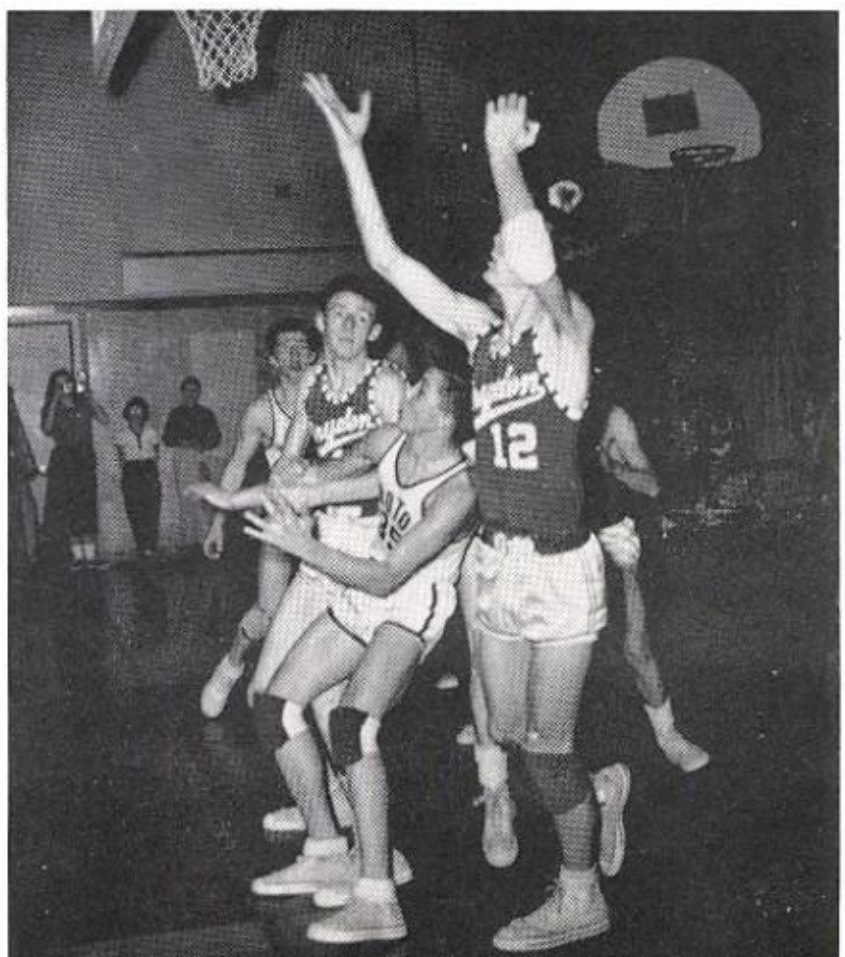
A Dryden offensive man looks worried as he attempts to score against defensive players Jackson and Frady.





Alan Pai

Burke awaits rebound of Dryden shot.



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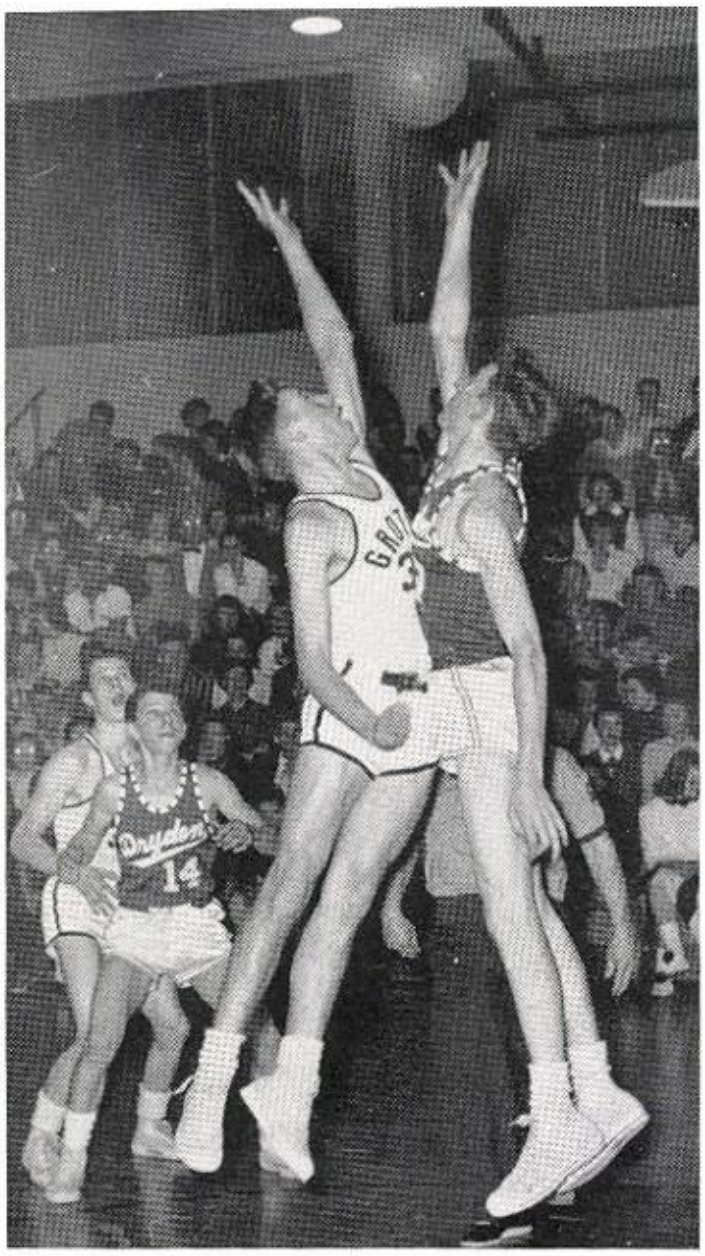
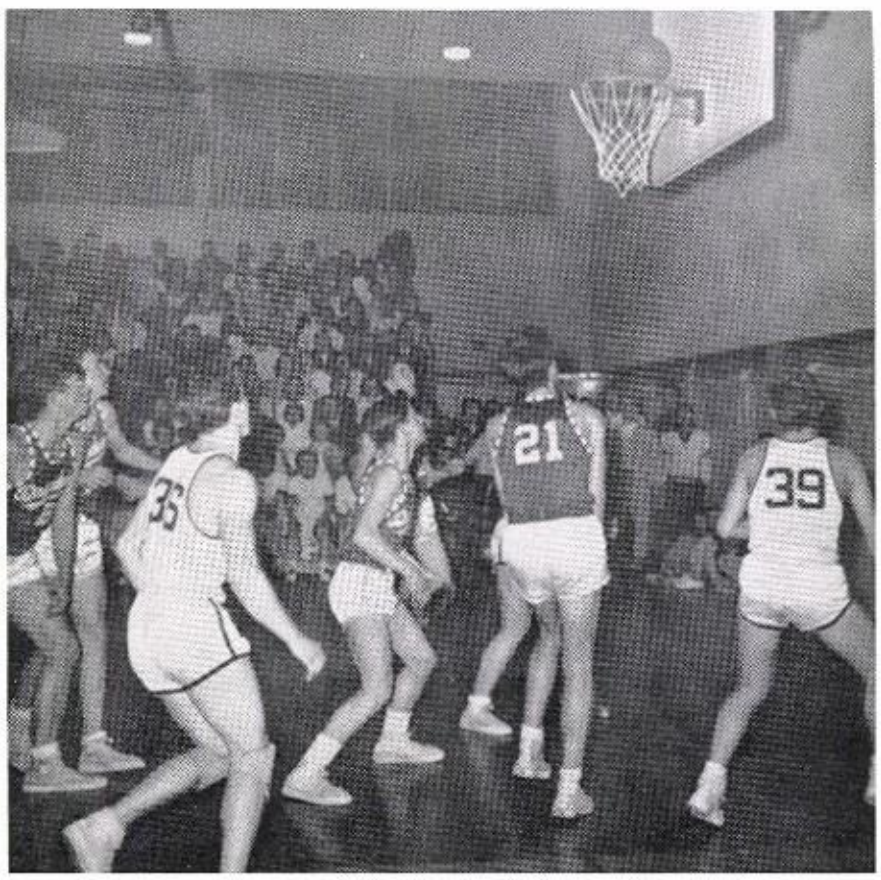


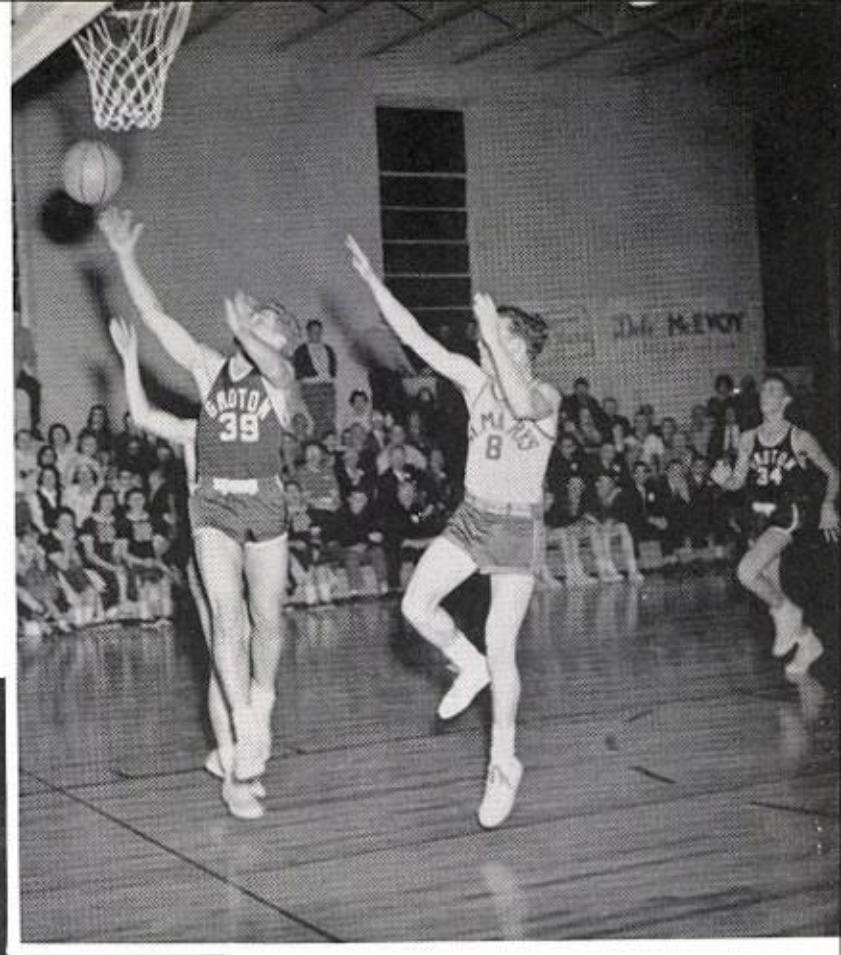
Jones reaches high to gain control of jump ball.

All eyes follow Dryden shot.

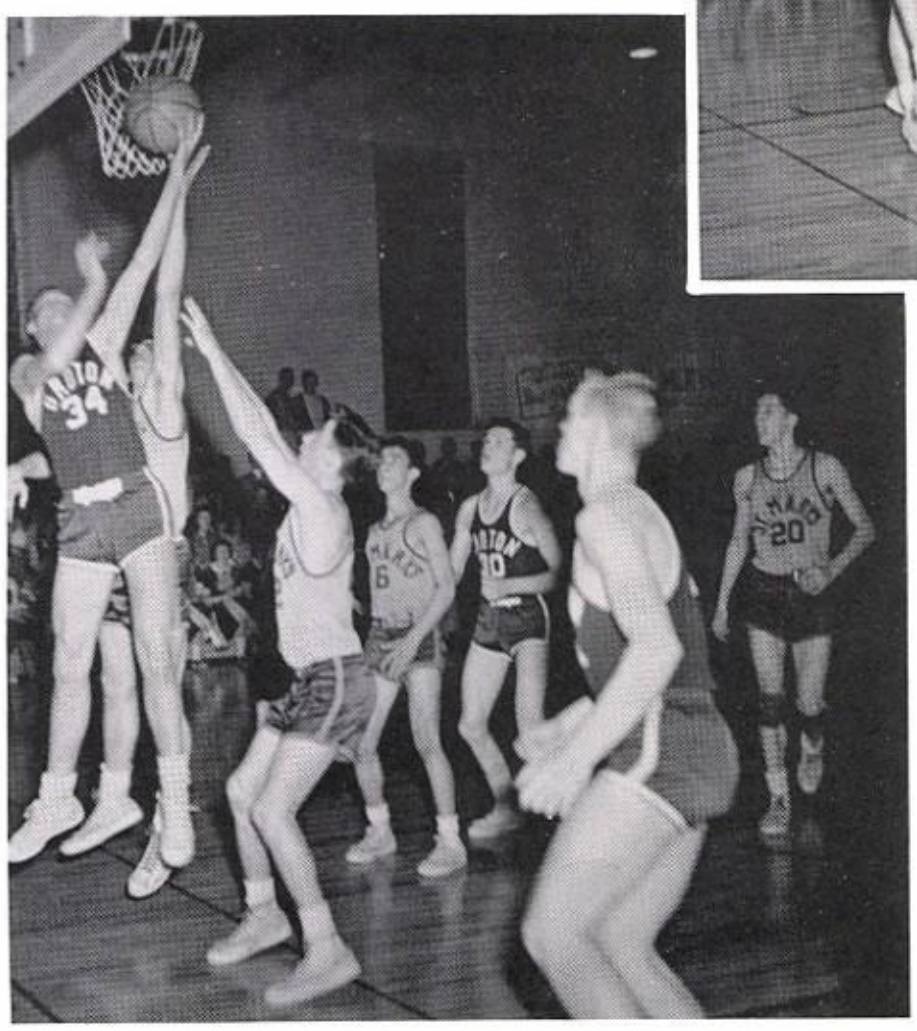


Jones is almost assured of that all important rebound.

FIGHT



"Will it go for two points?" wonder Blazick and opponent.



position tries in vain to check
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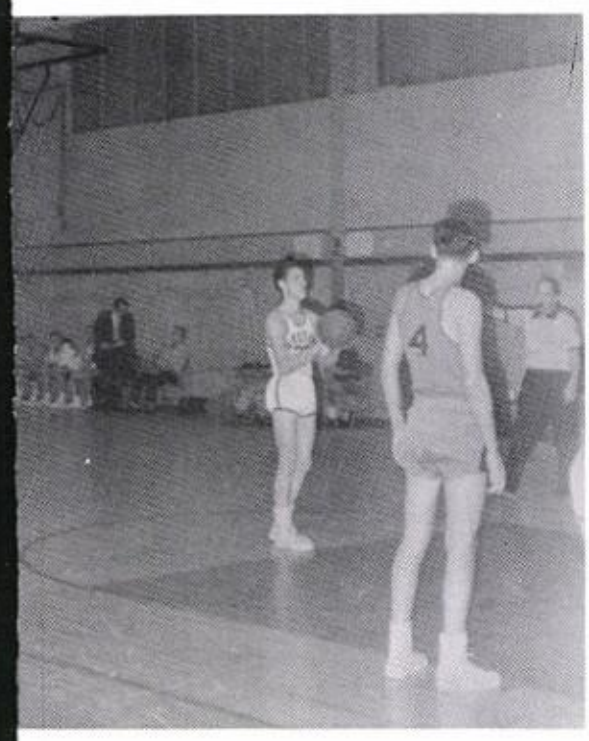


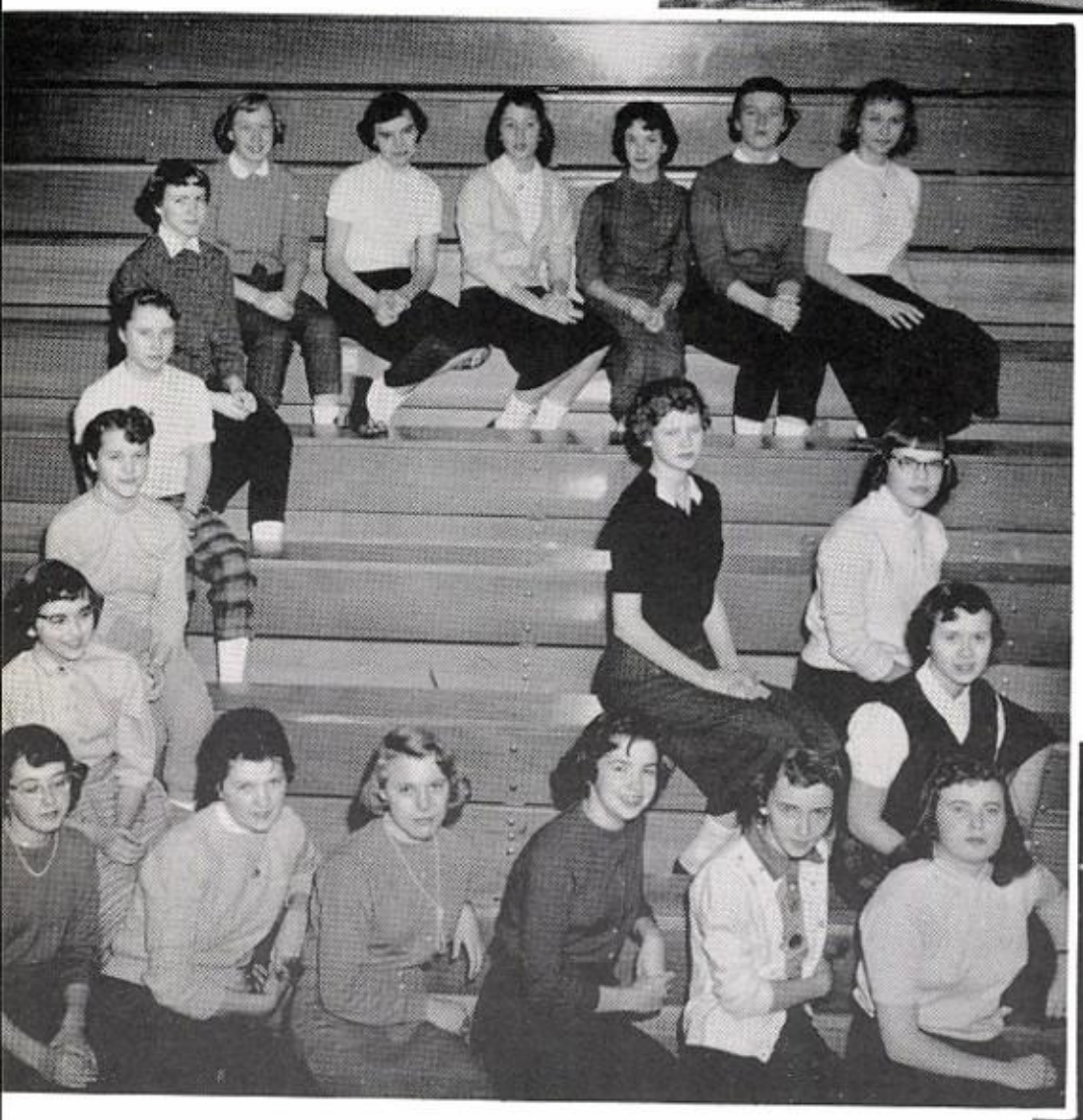
dy concentrates on making that
sibly all-important foul shot.

"Would you call that a foul shot?" wonder fellow teammates as unidentified player tries to shoot.

KEEPERS

"I wish those two points were on our side of the scoreboard," sighs timekeeper Rudi Seligman. Scorekeeper Scheffler silently agrees.

. . . OF SCORE



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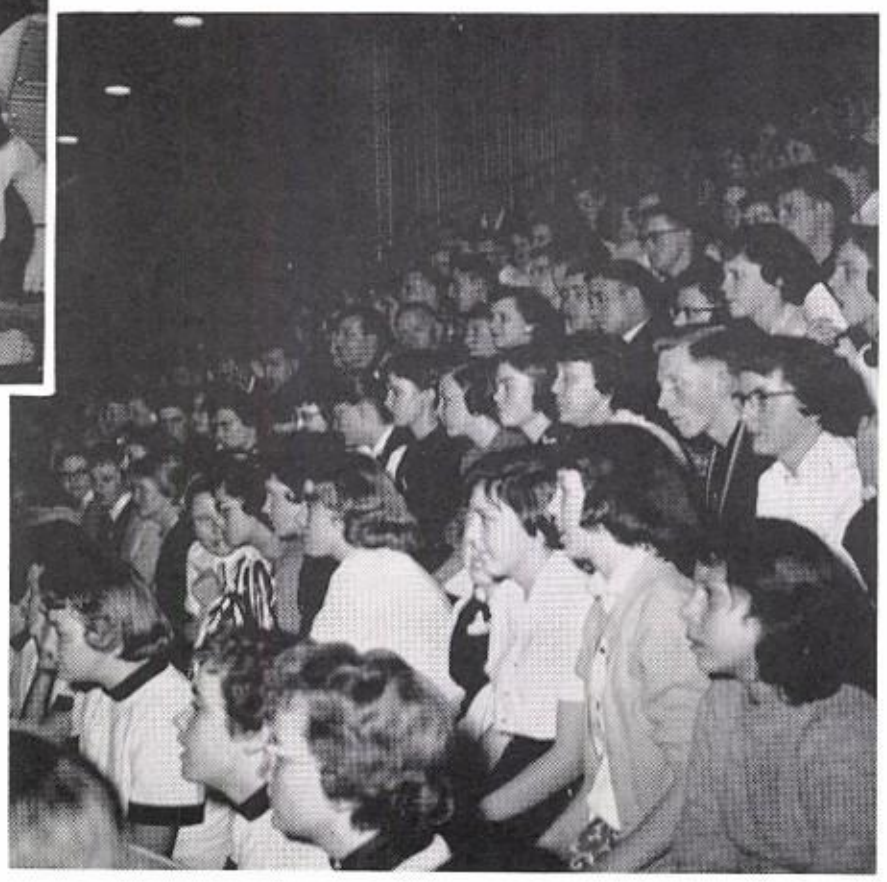
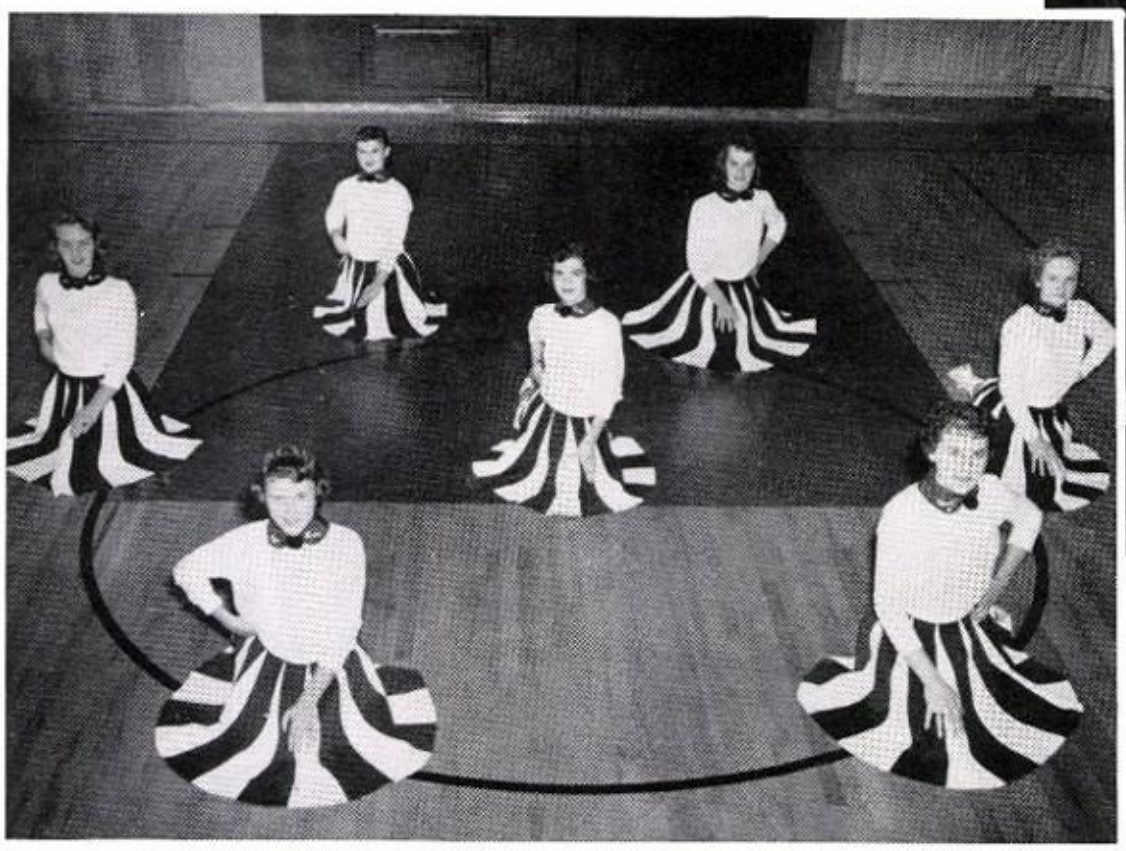


Avid Pep Club members, **counterclockwise:** Frink, Barry, Senecal, Fiesinger, Hopkins, Jennings, McGinnis, VanBenSchoten, Westfall, Tichenor, Mack, Jebbett, Johndrew, Woolever, Roberts, Hora.

That play even silenced the cheerleaders!

ABILITY AND AGILITY



Yea Maroon, Yea White!

The Junior Varsity Cheerleaders polish up a new cheer.

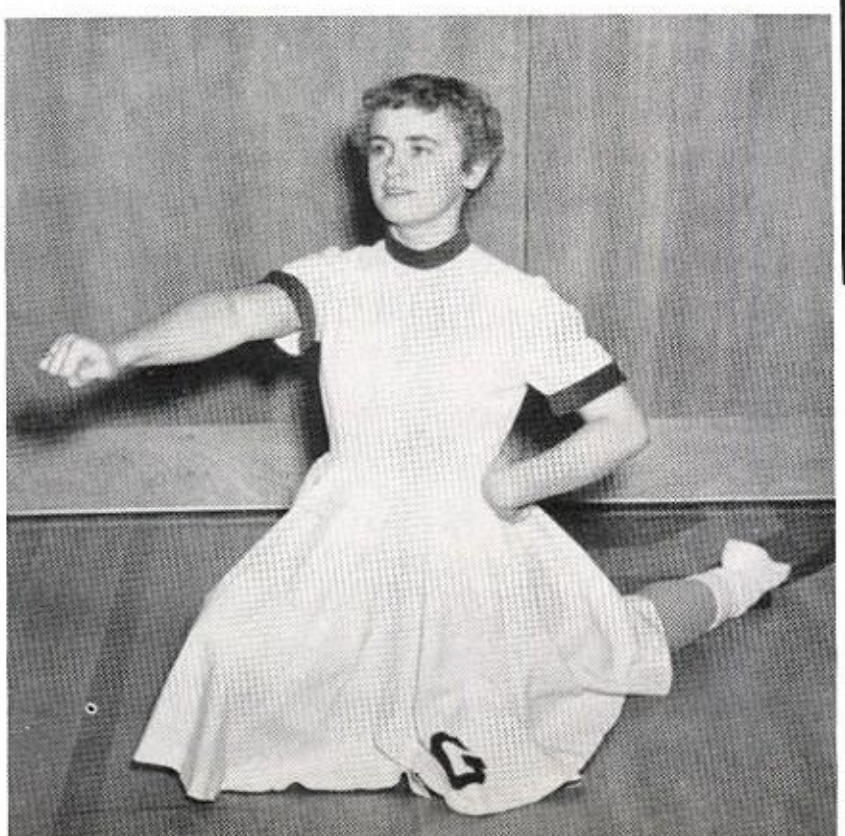
Junior Varsity Cheerleaders, **Left to Right:** Bancroft, Wadsworth, Kendall, Rounseville, Decker, Harmon, Vecellio.

WE'VE GOT THE PEP . . .

Betsy Ross

Janet Marsh

Alice Heffron



Joanne Lucas

WE'VE GOT THE STEAM

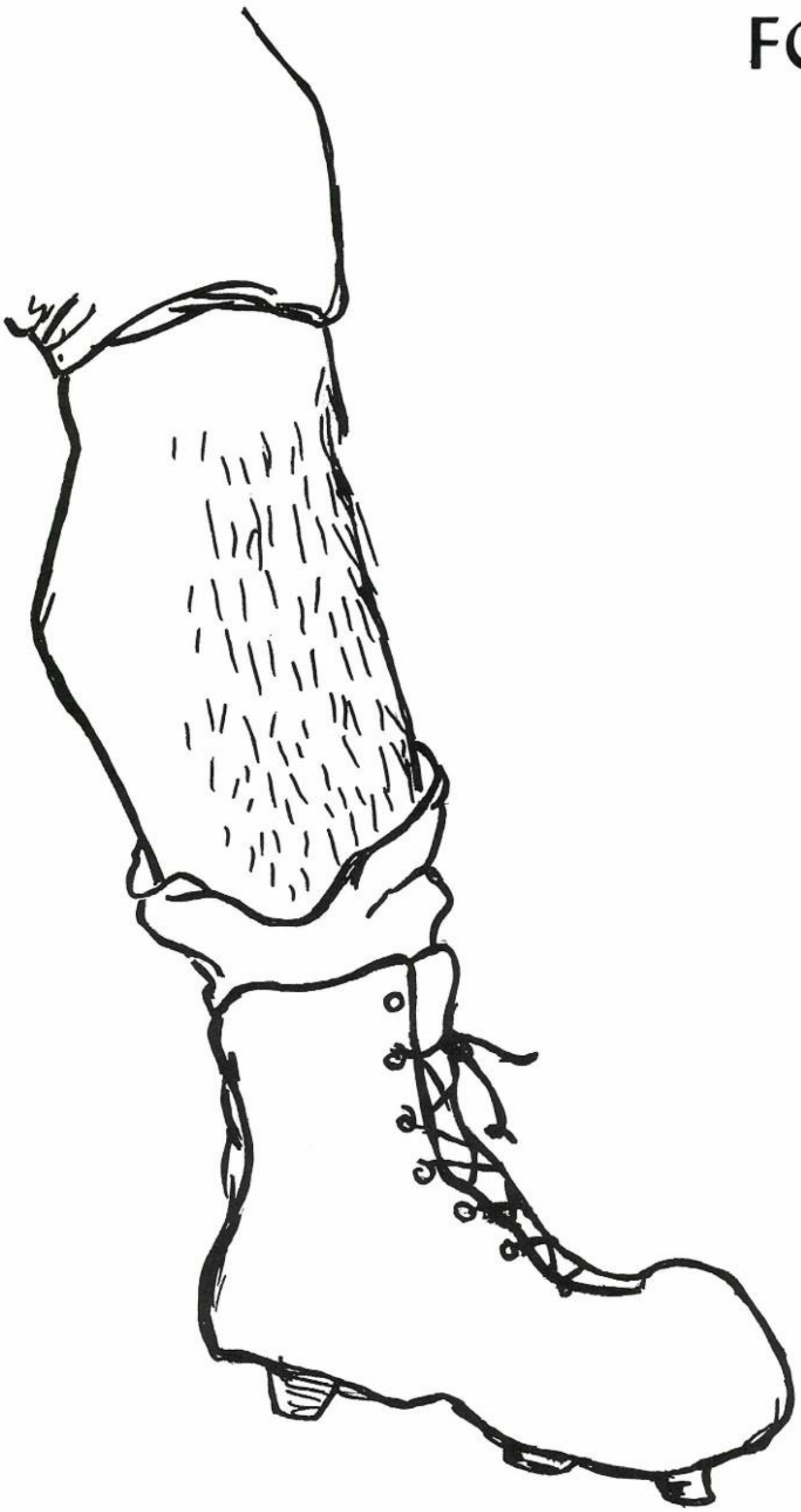
Arlynne Fiesinger

Kathleen Kero

Our Varsity Cheerleaders Spur our team on to victory.

Joan Ryan

FOOTBALL



PRODUCERS OF A PRAISEWORTHY SEASON

GROTON		OPPONENT	
Groton	13	Lafayette	0
Groton	13	Whitney Point	20
Groton	7	St. Mary's	6
Groton	13	Moravia	26
Groton	13	T-Burg	6
Groton	0	Lansing	7
Groton	20	Dryden	0
Groton	0	Homer	24

Coach Carloni and Coach Curtis rest their feet after a hard practice.

Back Row: Tvoraha, Hora, Green, Hammond, Court, Pai, Jones, Jackson. **Middle Row:** Dann, Bartholomew, Dassance, Lillie, Simons, Kratochvil. **Front Row:** Regan, Moore, Capt. Harrington, Webster, Gallagher, Burke.

INDIANS BATTLE SUCCESSFULLY

Groton gets break on Lansing's incomplete pass.

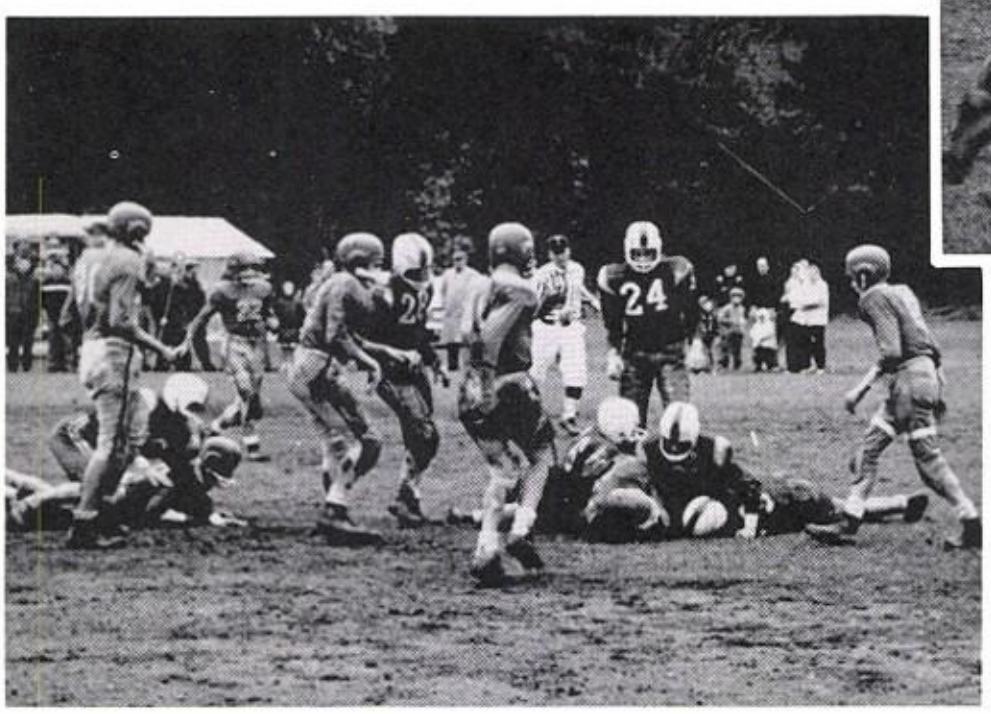
Defensive squad waits for their turn to see action.

Indians grind out small but important yardage.

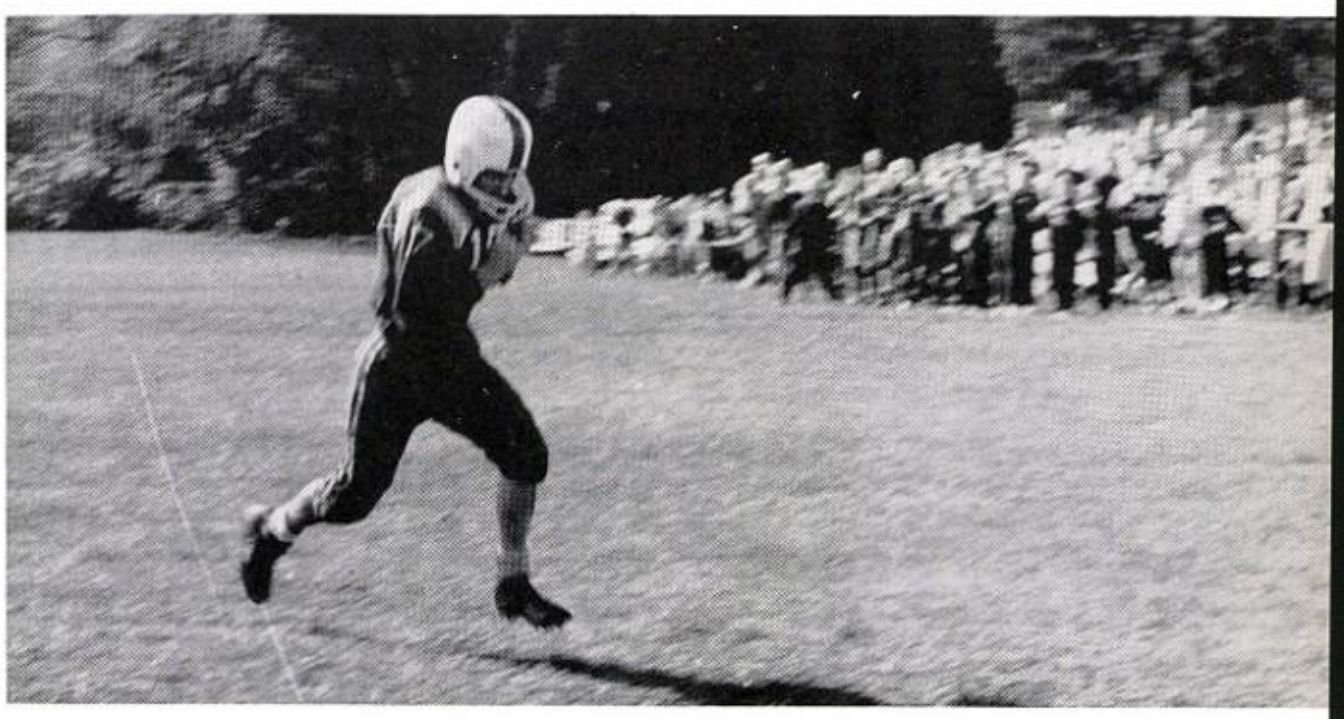
Bob Regan stops his opponent, one way or another.

AGAINST STRONG ODDS

Right side of Groton line converges upon Lansing back.



Indians pile up Lansing player.



Harrington races for long Groton gain.

Lansing runs into a solid wall in the form of Groton's defensive line.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

GROTON		OPPONENT	
Groton	6	Homer	7
Groton	6	Dryden	1
Groton	8	Lansing	4
Groton	5	Newark Valley	1
Groton	7	Dryden	1
Groton	7	Lansing	1
Groton	24	St. Mary's	3
Groton	5	Newark Valley	4

Mickey Harrington improves his skill behind the plate at baseball practice as Bob Tvoroha catches.

Back Row: Moravia, Regan, Webster, Smith, Jackson, Harrington, Burke, Ryan, Stockton, Coach Ash. **Front Row:** Moore, Updike, Devlen, Dillon, Court.

ACTIVITIES

All of you were in one activity or another this year. No matter where you worked or what you did, it was in co-operation with others. Only after thoroughly discussing the pros and cons of an idea did you reach a decision. You learned to give a little for the good of the group and you gained confidence and poise by presenting your own arguments to others.

New participants in an activity often stood in the background, afraid and unsure of themselves. They often said and did things which revealed my personality, hidden in theirs. But in time they shook off uncertainty, and with relaxation, showed themselves to be enthusiastic and hard-working.

I still peek out from behind your grown-up selves, and sometimes get the better of the group — I am present in the midst of confusion, I am there when the chips are down. But think, now. In **your** major activity, whichever it may be, would things really be the same without **me?**

LEADERS OF THE SCHOOL TODAY

Tri-County delegates Johndrew, Stringham, Rood, and Harmon go over an agenda with President Lucas **center seated.**

G.C.S. student leadership is well organized. Four representatives of each high school class, plus elected officers and Tri-County members solve the problems which frequently arise in our school. Revision of the constitution, scheduling of student activities and sponsoring dances are only a few of the jobs that confronted this year's Student Council.

The Tri-County members are not only participants of the Student Council but members of the interschool Student Council from Tompkins, Seneca and Tioga counties. They alternate meeting places and discuss various topics. This year our school is honored to have the Tri-County President, Joanne Lucas, from our school.

Student Council: **Standing:** R. Heffron, E. Samson, Chamberlain, Scheffler, R. Smith, Updike, Court, Rood, Marsh, Rounseville, Webster, Kratochvil. **Seated:** Dempsey, A. Heffron, Vice-President Harrington, President R. Samson, Treasurer G. Smith, Secretary Wadsworth, Regan.

THE HOPE OF TOMORROW

Honor Society, **Back Row:** Rood, Samson, Kelsey, Johndrew, Scheffler. **Front Row:** P. Stringham, Treasurer; Huhtanen, Vice-President; R. Stringham, President; Ferrell, Secretary. **Absent:** Jones.

The auditorium darkens; the piano sounds a formal march; slowly grey-robed figures procede down the aisle, and another Honor Society tapping ceremony is under way. The scholars of the sophomore and junior classes are about to be recognized.

Working with teachers, helping their classmates, these students are constantly making their presence felt in the school. Throughout the basketball season the Honor Society sells refreshments at home games. Money earned is presented to a deserving senior as a scholarship.

Each spring from the Junior class two boys are chosen to represent our school at Boys' State, and in alternate years a delegate is chosen for Girls' State. While these lucky students are at their conferences, they are intimately acquainted with the workings of our state government. After they return home they long remember the friends they gained and the wonderful things they did.

Girls' State delegate Kelsey and Boys' State delegates Rood and Stringham discuss experiences over their homework.

Editor Rood, Assistant Editor Stringham, and advisor Mrs. Peters quietly go insane together.

"I don't know what it does, but you set it before you take a picture," says Photographer Seligman to Assistant Campbell.

A closer look at these hard-working individua would reveal the bitten nails of ink-spotted finger and many an enshadowed eye. The hours we long, and the janitors may not have appreciated a those apple cores, but we had a lot of fun. Th yearbook staff will not easily forget trampin through woods for a good color shot, campaignin

Literary staff members busy writing copy in the library. **Standing:** Senecal, Sovocool, Rood, Conger, Jennings, J. Ferrell, Karlson, Johndrew, Tichenor, and Westfall. **Seated:** Editors Samson, Ferrell, Huhtanen, and Heffron.

"Come here quick and look at this clever caption!" Typing staff members McCarty, Lewis, Lawrence, editors Conger, and Neville **(seated).**

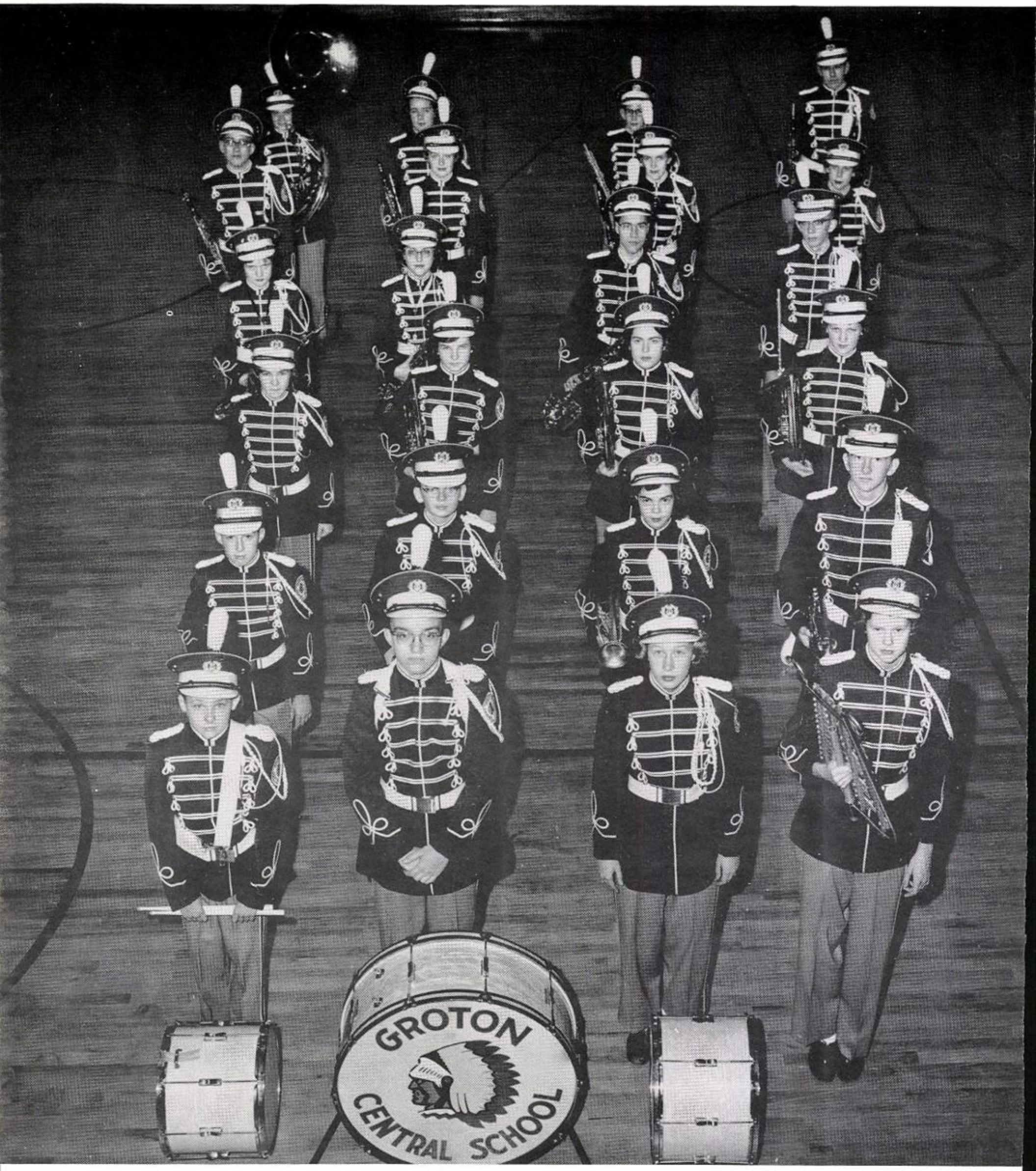
ads, and listening to complaints, the fabulous oton Follies (which netted precisely forty dollars), d the frantic deadline meetings.

And now the thrill of seeing your own work in nt the copy you wrote; the layout idea you had. ur yearbook is polished and complete, and every nute was worth it.

"Ah, we're in the black!" Business Staff members Regan, Adams, Ryan, Scheffler and Court. **Absent:** Westfall.

They'll be seeing black squares in their sleep! Layout staff members, **Seated:** Tompkins, Woolever, Schmidt, Harris, Hanford, Sheeder, Chamberlain, and Monagan. **Standing:** Samson, Hopkins, Whatman, Buggs, Petrovich, Jebbett, Editor Kelsey, and Marsh.

THERE'S MUSIC



Band members are, **Row One:** D. McCrary, Dempsey, Jennings, Buggs. **Row Two:** Ferrell, G. McCrary, Rounseville, Harrington. **Row Three:** Seligman, N. Jebbett, Whatman, S. Jebbett. **Row Four:** Karn, Sovocool, Rood, Stevens. **Row Five:** Scheffler, Ross, McGinnis, Curley. **Row Six:** Brown, Wagner, Stowe, Gedney.

IN THE AIR!

"Like, it's been an hour, man, and that flashbulb is bugging us!" Eager to get back to rehearsing are **Cool Clefs** Harris, Scheffler, Harrington, Ross, Rounseville, Curley, Ferrell, Sovocool, Buggs, Day, Seligman and Brown. **Absent are:** McCrary, Pai, Stamm and Rood.

Music ! From the football field o the concert stage, music rings out he spirit of G.C.S. Early in the norning, senior band members trudge o school for rehearsals, and after the un goes down, the "swinging" dance and returns for a workout with the lues. All this hard work does not o unappreciated, for we all love to sten, and music is the language of veryone.

Head majorette Anna Frink leads colorful baton twirlers Brockway, Bancroft, Samson, Beers, Fiesinger, Lynch and Ferrell.

Dreams of belonging to a future "Symphonic Wind Ensemble" dance in the eager heads of Junior Band members Forshee, Seligman, Chamberlain, B. Bell, Rockwell, Steinberg, Houston, Hathaway, S. Bell, Hart, Van BenSchoten, Greene, Reese.

SING! SING! SING!

"Lalala-" Teaching French in the music room? Certainly not! It's the G.C.S. chorus tuning up. The Festival at Lansing and the chorus dance rounded out its traditional schedule including the Christmas concert, the operetta, and the Spring Concert. Under the skillful guidance of Mr. Wright, the chorus promotes the atmosphere of warmth throughout the school.

Altos, **Back Row:** R. Sovocool, Mudge, Hopkins, Frink, Rood, Tompkins, Healy. **Front Row:** B. Bell, Head, Accompanist Harris, Mr. Wright, Mattoon, S. Bell.

Baritones: Kirk, Halladay, Gamel, Christofferson, Raymond, Vorhis, Bacon, and Accompanist Scheffler.

Sopranos, **Standing:** Hall, Harris, Barrows, Cooper, Stevans, Hathaway, Green, Petrovich, Ross, Christofferson, French, Hart, Schooley, Miller, Ferrell, Gavras. **Seated:** Spafford, Beers, Moore, Mott, and Papish.

AT YOUR SERVICE

Left to Right: Meeker, Mudge, Dann, McMasters, Spafford, Hora, Adams, Rawson, Mr. Cleary, Lillie, Cleary, Dassance, Seligman, Senecal.

"There will be an FHA coffee hour in the Home Ec room tonight" is often heard over the P.A. system after students have left school for the day. Our faculty welcomes these words, for now they have a chance to relax from their labors,

The Groton FHA chapter consists of 32 girls with their advisor Mrs. Stringham. Throughout the year they have many money-making projects in addition to their coffee hour, including bake sales, a dance, and a mother and daughter banquet. They put on dinners and have parties on special holidays. They have an evening meeting once a month where the girls can use their cooking skills. These girls are learning to be better citizens, homemakers, and mothers.

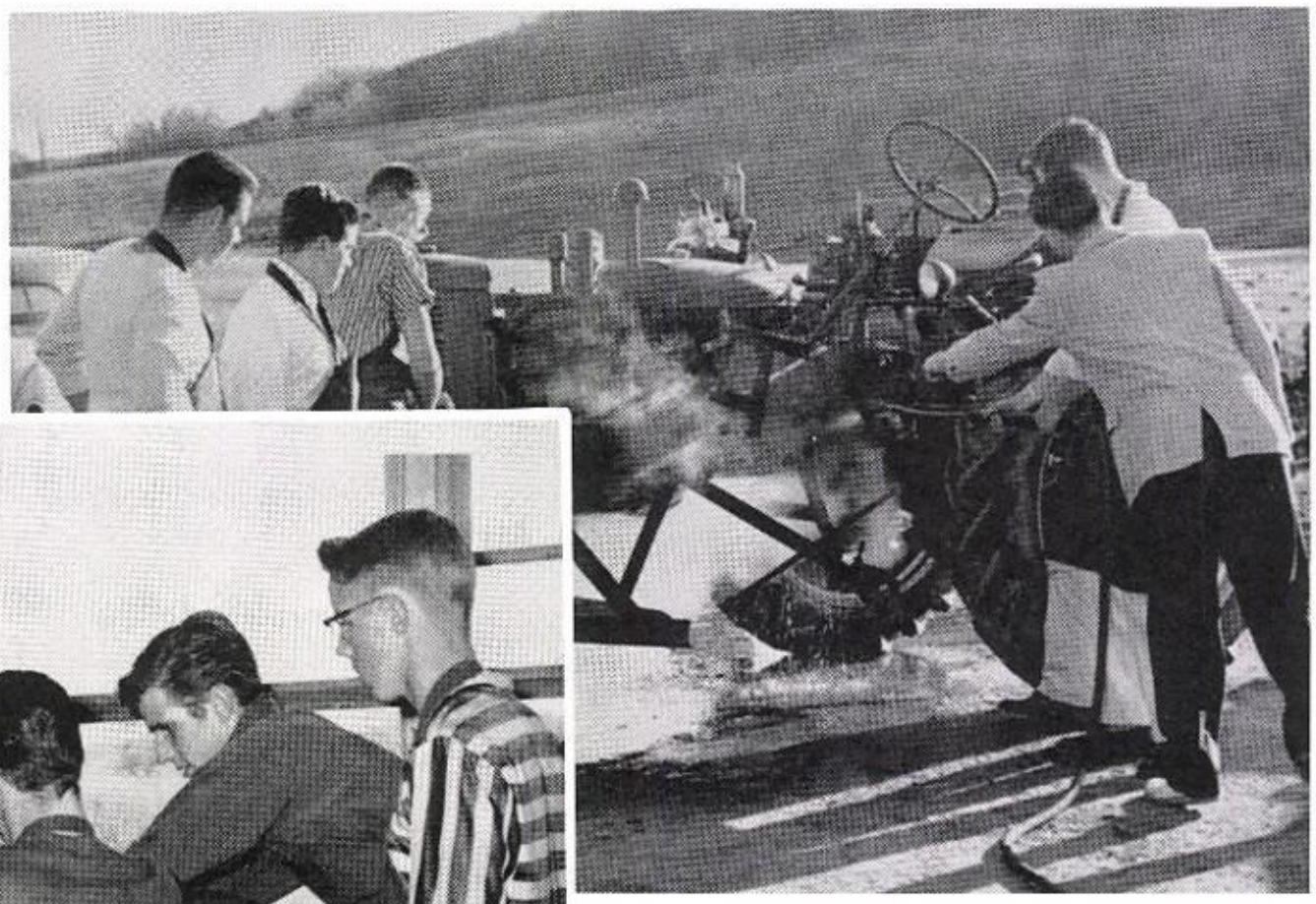
The projection club, member of the Projectionists Club of America, is the group of students which runs the audio-visual teaching aids for the faculty and operates the stage lights. The equipment they use is expensive, and in order to help the school purchase some of it, these fellows sponsor dances and skating parties. Last year they invested in two filmstrip previewers; this year they bought rewinds and a splicer and they have plans to buy more.

Just for fun, the Club members make an annual trip to Syracuse to view new filmmaking processes such as Cinerama or Technorama 70, and to eat dinner together. This year they also visited the WSYR TV. studio.

Left to Right: Haynes, Wagner, Jones, Schmidt, McFall, Petrovich.

Standing: Sococool, Hora, Shaw, Christofferson, Westfall, Nalley. **Seated:** Myers, Marshall, Karn, Secretary Decker, Eldred, Vice-President Conger, Treasurer Pearsall, President Scheffler, Bancroft, Roberts, Moore, Halliday, Mrs. Stringham, Murphy, Schooley.

F.F.A. members, **Back Row:** Clark, Kirk, B. Demond, Leet, Petersen and Sauerbier. **Front Row:** Whatman, Batzer, Conger, and Simons. **Those Absent:** President R. Demond, Tvaroha, Marks, Mack, VanBenSchoten, Holden, McMasters, Ludlow, Raymond, Decker, Halladay, Myers, French, Husted, Karn, Warner, Christofferson, G. Schmidt, Carpenter, Lukosavich, and R. Schmidt.



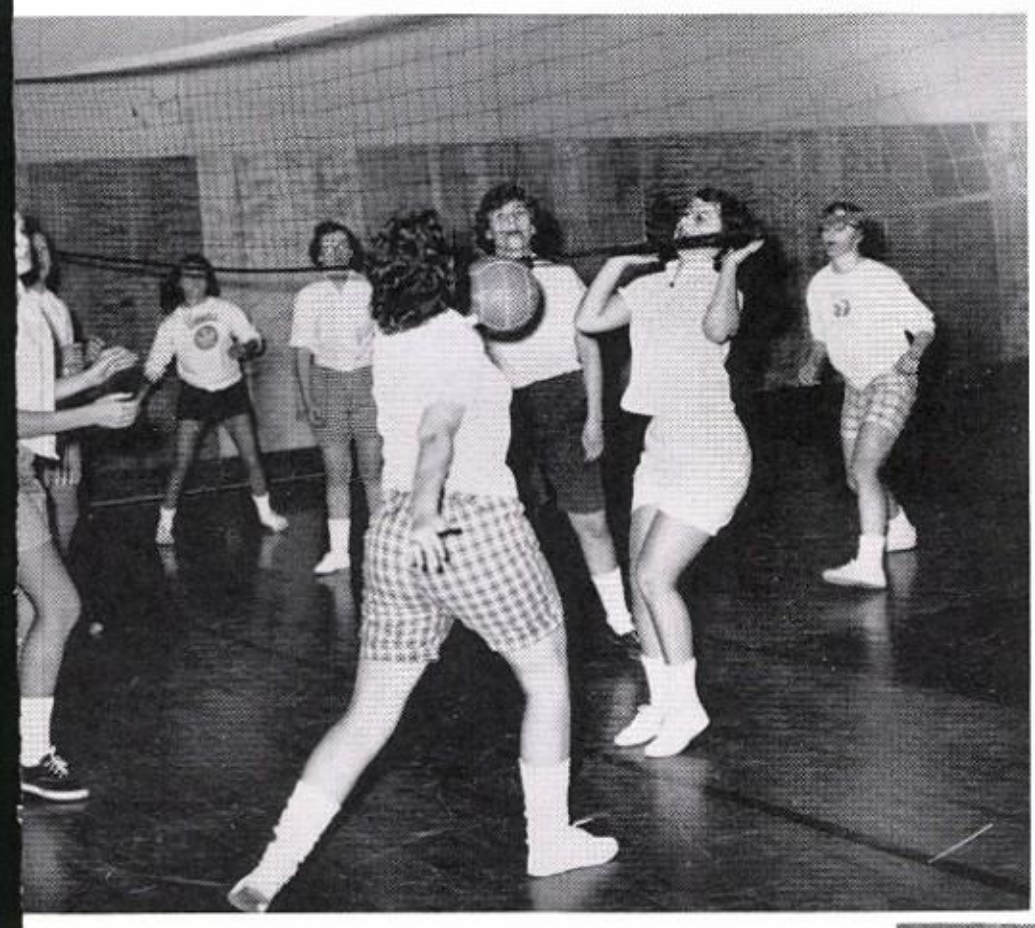
"It's so easy when you use Lestoil," laughs Demond to VanBenSchoten as Husted, Raymond, and Mack look on.

Christofferson, Marks, and Holden observe as Myers and Karn demonstrate their mechanical skill.

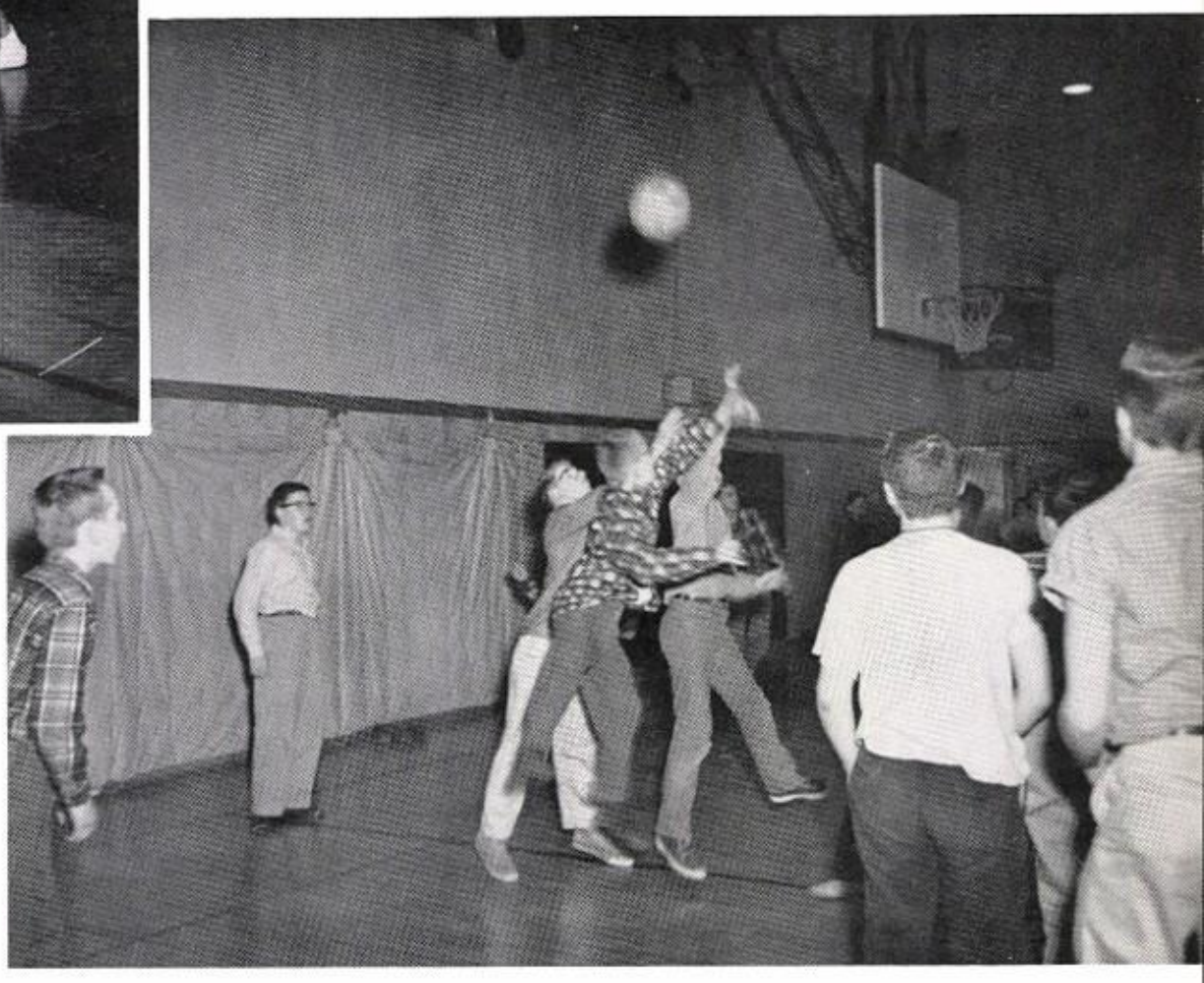
The Future Farmers of America, a helpful organizat is, as its name implies, important in training tomorro farmers for our country. "Learning to do, doing learn," the first part of the F.F.A. motto, is practi at their farm about one-half mile from the school. T conduct lime and fertilizer experiments and pract advanced farming methods like strip cropping, div sion ditches, and prevention of erosion. "Learning live and living to serve," the last half of their mo is gained through the four degrees of advanceme The opportunity is provided for advancement from green hand, to a future farmer, to an empire farm and finally to an American farmer.

Top Row: Edwards, Ludlow, L. Marsh, Lillie, Miss Harriger. **Second Row:** M. Fiesinger, Wadsworth, Rounsville, A. Fiesinger, J. Marsh. **Front Row:** Brown, Miller, Frink, Harmon, Ryan, Neville.

Over that Elephant, across those bars, down the length of the mats. There go the athletic members of G.C.S.'s Gym Club. Amid grunts, groans, and occasional squeals from the feminine members of this physically-fit group, as they go through their weekly round of leaps, bounds, and high jumps. Under the expert guidance of Miss Harriger and Mr. Ross, each member receives the opportunity to further develop his own skills. Their athletic demonstrations provide entertainment for many school and civic groups.



Tension mounts as the score is 10 - 10. Junior High Students Battle in Intramurals.



STUDENT - TEACHER DAY

Ever want to trade places with your teacher? G.C.S. students have the opportunity once a year, when each teacher has a teenaged replacement for a day. Students plan lessons, conduct classes and even take over administration. It is an enriching and often an enlightening experience for all participants.

Mr. Peters and Sylvia Jebbett discuss the score as interested band members wait for Sylvia to give the downbeat.

Student teacher Bernice Kelsey listens while Mrs. Miller further explains a typing problem.

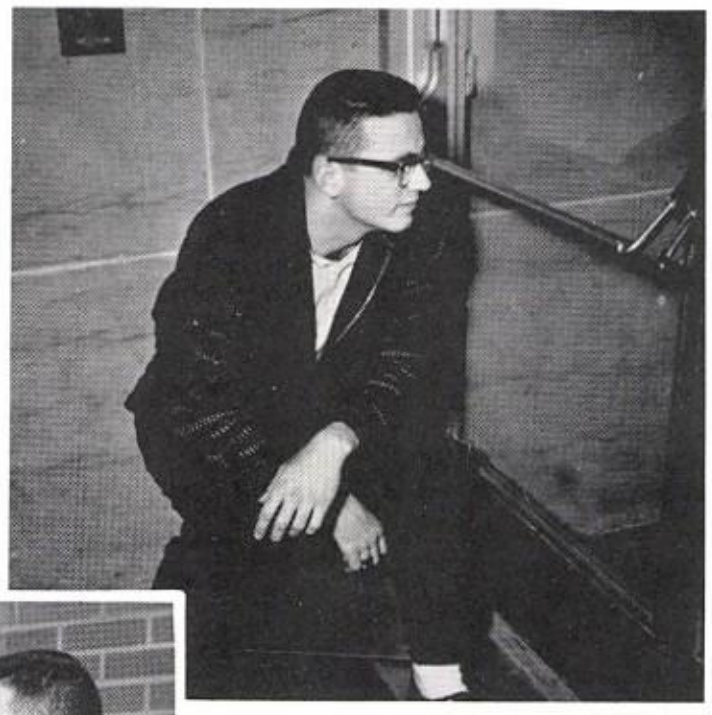
Mr. Henry and student principal Ruth Samson analyze school curriculum.

Nancy Neville discovers the amazing intake of the teenage stomach — a fact of which Mrs. Tarbell is very much aware!

Couldn't wait to wear high heels to school, huh!

AMBASSADORS

yracuse Citizens D. Stringham, Harrington, Regan, P. Stringham, nd Samson relax to the tune of Mrs. Soletz' sparkling wit.



Will they ever come? Dick Smith impatiently awaits the Canada-bound car of Mr. O'Connell.

Just back from their five-day trip to Canada, David Rood and Dick Smith discuss the interesting aspects of Canadian education, while Dirk Stringham seems to agree. Bernice Kelsey listens as Linda Ferrell reminisces.

All abord for All State! Anxious to tune up in Syracuse are music-minded Scheffler, Jebbett, Tompkins, Vorhis, Christofferson, and Gavras.

These are the students who represent Groton in its inter-school and even international relations. Mr. O'Connell and five students went to Canada on an exchange program with St. Laurent High School of Montreal, Quebec. Four juniors and one senior were chosen to attend a citizenship seminar where they competed with students from all over the state for scholarships to Syracuse University, and two band members and three chorus members were chosen to represent our school in the All-State sectional band and chorus concert in Syracuse. Thus, through these ambassadors, Groton has become acquainted with the world.

Junior Prom Candidates: Bernice Kelsey, Alice Heffron, Ruth Chamberlain, Prom Queen, Nancy Nevillle, Jeanette Adams.

As the panorama of the year unfolds on these pages, we remember that some of the most important, the saddest, the happiest moments have been in our gatherings together. Away for a while from the routine of study-read-write, these are the hours of fun and laughter that we'll never forget.

The Junior Prom is the highlight of the year, the crowning social event. It is held in May when the weather is beautiful and the atmosphere is set for romance. But between proms, those Friday night winter dances manage to keep rock and roll alive. There are many more times and places where we relax. You know, we can't forget about getting rid of that nebbish in us at a dinner, a tea, or a concert, anymore than we can in school. But he really runs rampant at our rollerskating parties, down at the pond in ice-skating time, around the bend on a bobsled. These next pages will tell the story of the social life around G.C.S. It's a lot of fun!

OFF THE CUFF

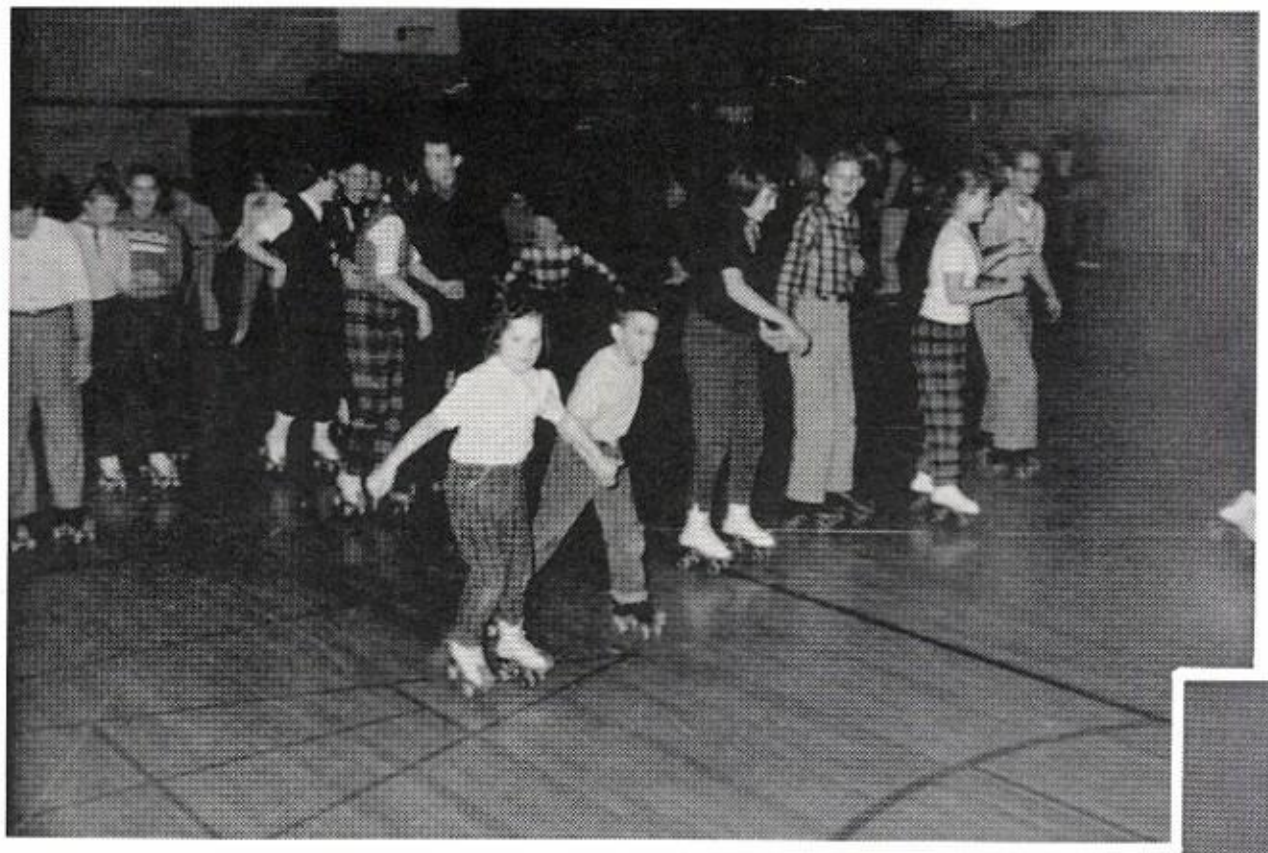
The Blob makes its appearance in Groton at the sophomore dance, and reveals its mysterious insides.

Five more minutes and the rush for refreshments will be on. Wake up, Linda!

The Cool Clefs provide lively entertainment at the Yearbook Dance.

"We are the girls of the Groton Follies,
We are shy and bashful dollies!" goes the song of entertainers P. Stringham, Westfall, R. Stringham, Dempsey, Seligman, Regan and Rood.

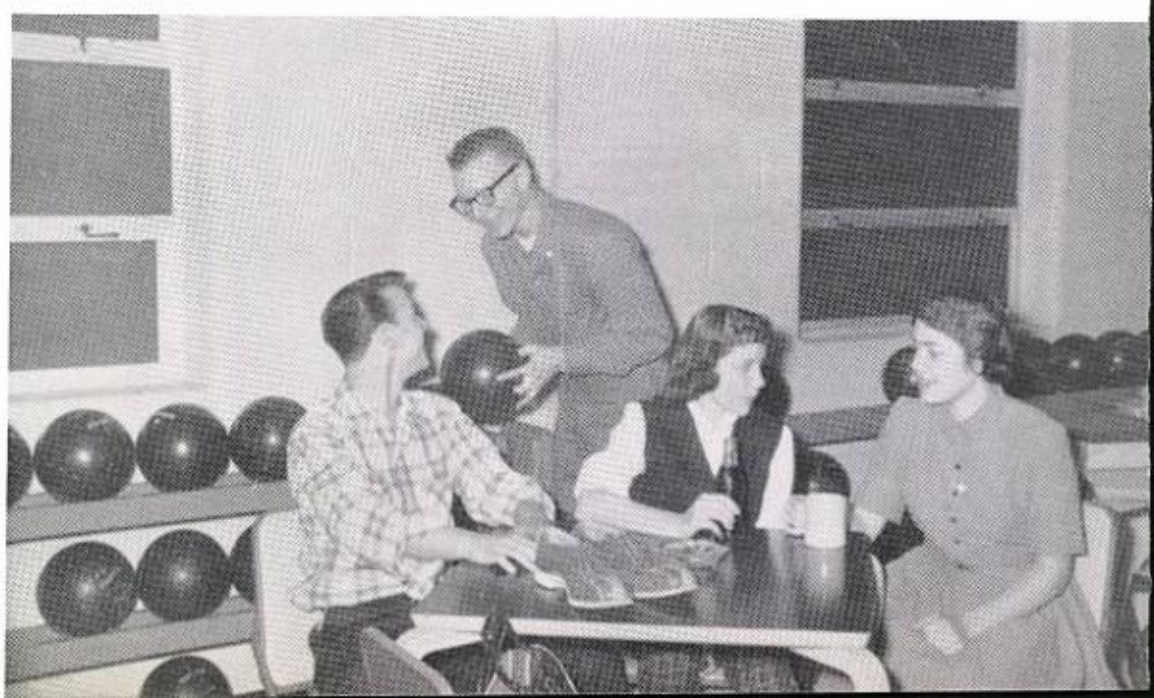
JUST FOR FUN



Ball Bearing Romance

Alcorn's window was artfully bewitched by the senior who won first prize in the Halloween contest.

Janet Marsh comes to the aid of unabashed Marie Van BenSchoten.



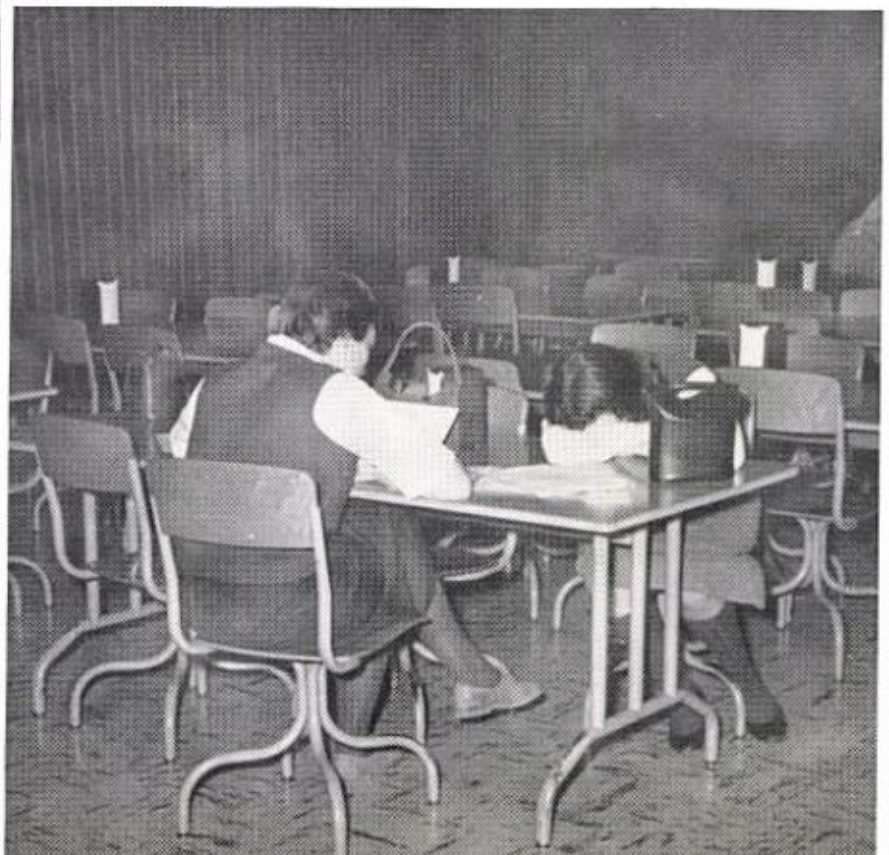
"That was the neatest gutter ball I've ever seen," says Marty Bancroft as he knocks on wood. Ready to try again is Bob Moore, while unconcerned Faye Miller and Winnie Whatman chat.

AFTER HOURS

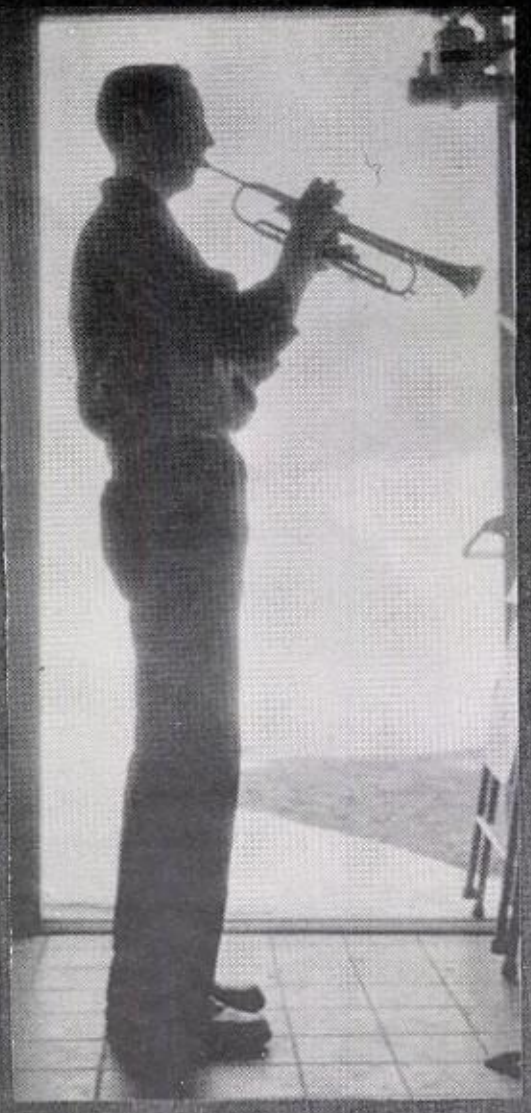
Adult education provides opportunities for further instruction in arts and skills.

"Thank goodness it's Friday!" sigh coaches Harriger and Curtis.

Students and teachers gather to exchange experiences on Student-Teacher Day.



Bernice Kelsey and Ruth Chamberlain collapse during last minute cramming for regents.



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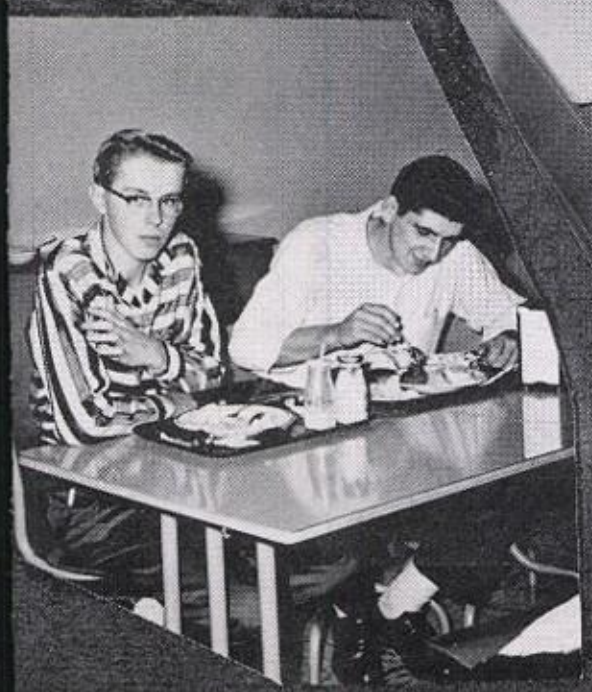
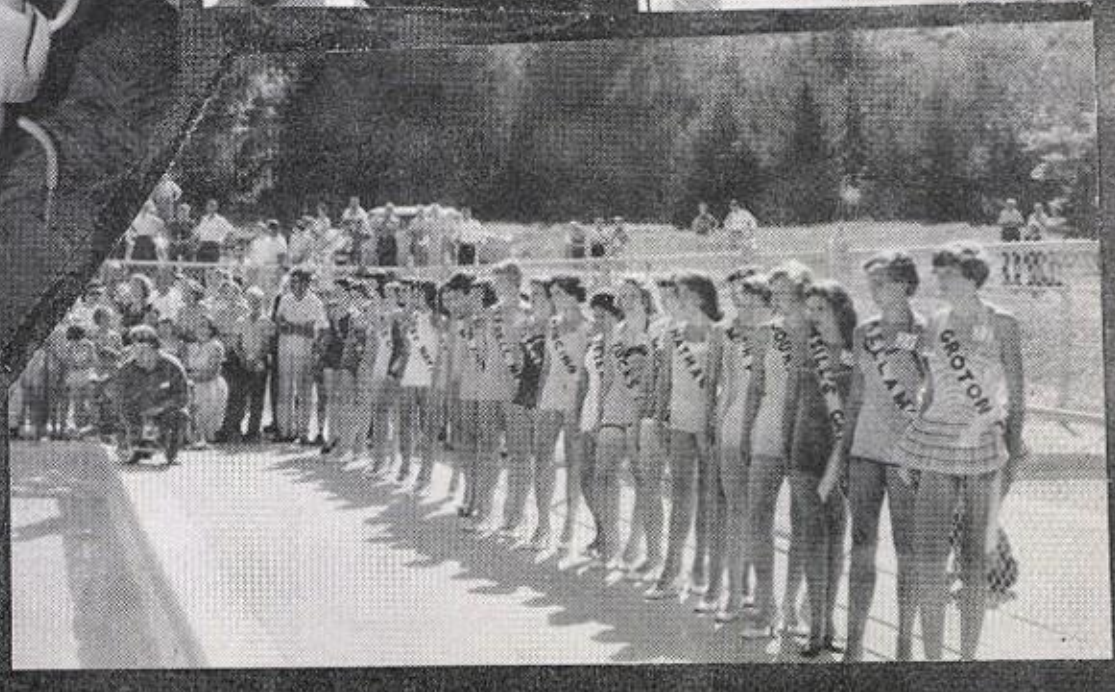



GROTON

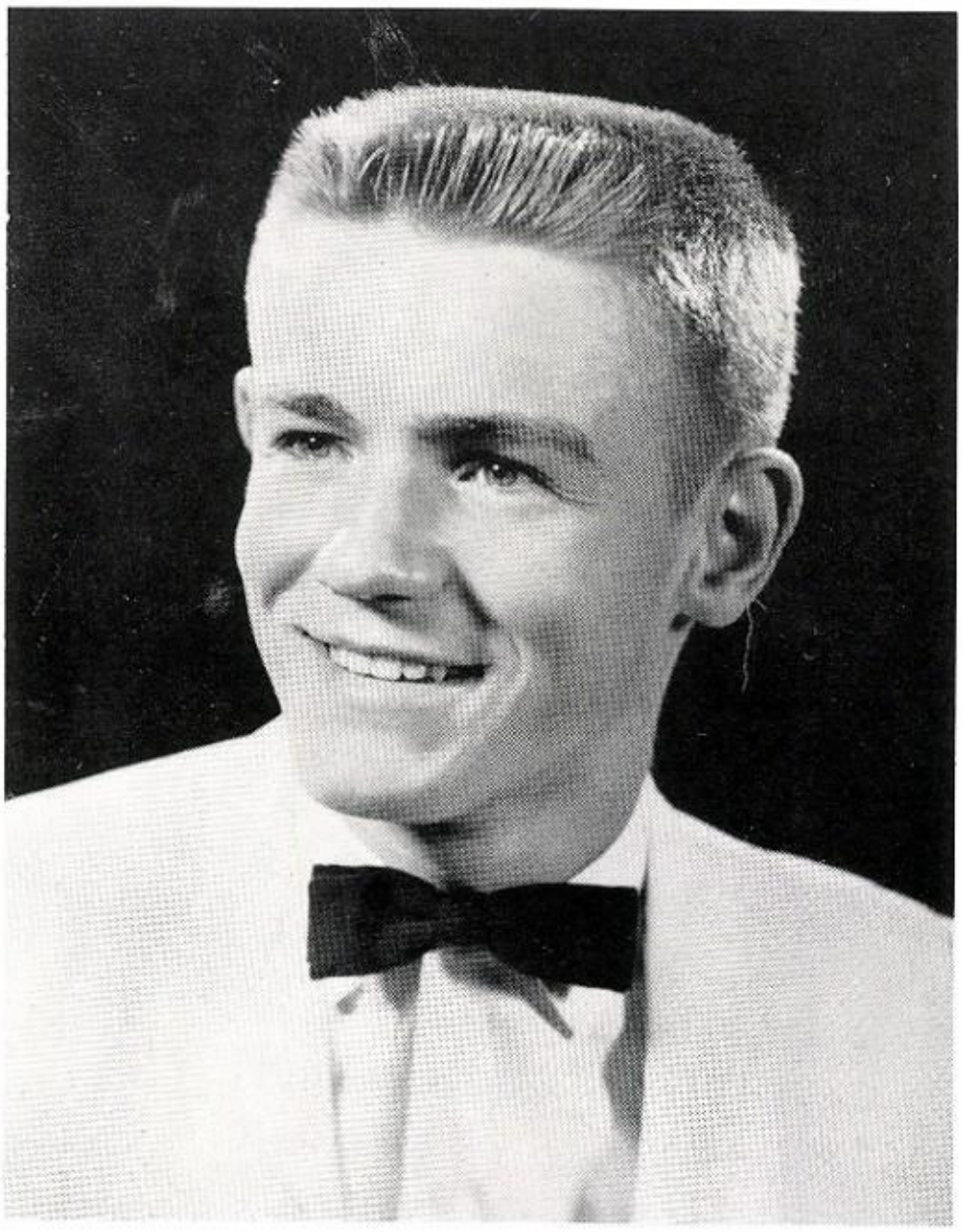
Top Row: Miss Fish, Green, Boynton, Bruce, Beebe, Smith, Mack, Weaver, Burt, B. Senecal, G. Senecal, Moore. **Middle Row:** Swearington, Myers, Keller, Hamill, Pankovitz, Scheffler, Blazick, Mudge, Bancroft, Chamberlain, Jones, Webster, Lucas, Harris. **Front Row:** Devlen, Marshall, Ford, Wadsworth, Heffron, Ryan, Adams, Fonda, Regan, Rood. **Absent:** Underwood, Bossard.

Top Row: Miss Huff, Mattoon, Perkins, Westlake, Paulos, Updike, Holden, Smith, Conger, Cornelius, Kratchvil, Miller, Frady. **Middle Row:** Neville, J. French, Meyers, S. French, Bode, A. Karn, Van De Mark, Marks, Aiken, B. Karn, Oliver. **Front Row:** B. Sovocool, J. Wolf, McCarty, Marsh, Ludlow Finch, Jacobs, Raymond, M. French. **Absent:** E. Wolf, Brookshear, Todd, R. Sovocool.

SENIORS

Here, at last, are those who have concluded their high school education — the seniors — about to set out into the world on their own. When they were younger, my characteristic tendencies toward defeatism and procrastination showed in all their work. As they grew older, these qualities began to disappear, until finally, with the close of this year, the exorcism of these elements was complete, and my negative spirit was gone from them forever. Their classes, their classmates, their teachers and advisors, the activities and sports in which they worked and played and learned, have all helped them through the years. But now they are putting these things away; they are starting another phase in their lives. In some of them I may appear again; for most of them my passivity and listlessness are gone.

But wait — I am not gone from them completely. My muddling ways are still with them. They will continue to make mistakes. They will still forget social amenities and find it hard to follow conventions. I will always be a part of them, wherever they go.



SENIOR

RICHARD V. V. STRINGHAM

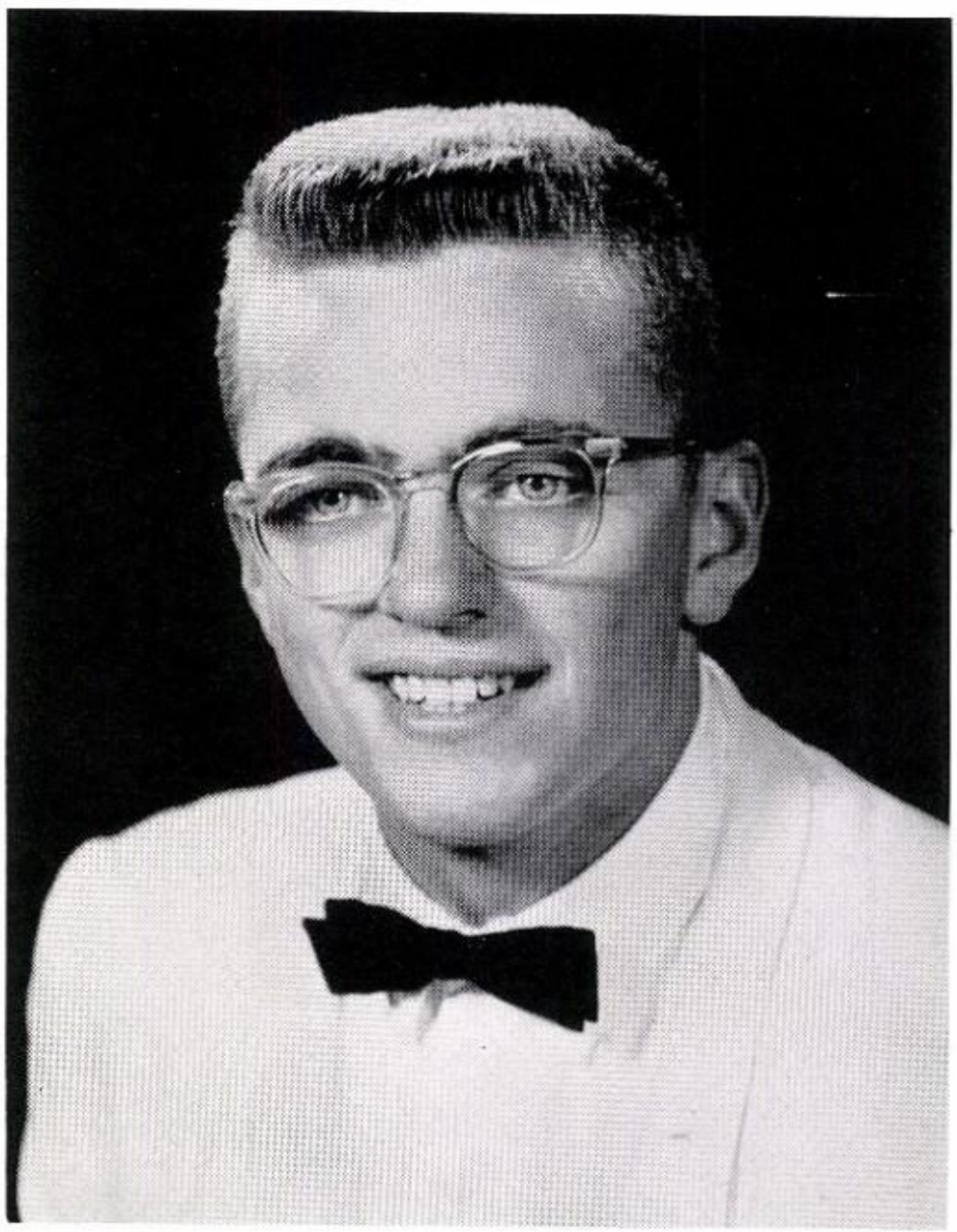
"With honor and ability he abounds."

President 1, 4; Treasurer 3; Tri-County 4; Honor Society, President 4, Treasurer 3; Boys' State; Science Club 1; Oratorical Contest 3; Gym Club 1, 2; Basketball Score Keeper 2-4; Intramurals 1, 2; Plays 1, 2.

RICHARD L. SMITH

"The highest of distinctions is service to others."

Vice-President 4; President 2, 3; Student Council 1-4, Treasurer 2, 3; Tri-County 1, 2; Baseball 1-4.

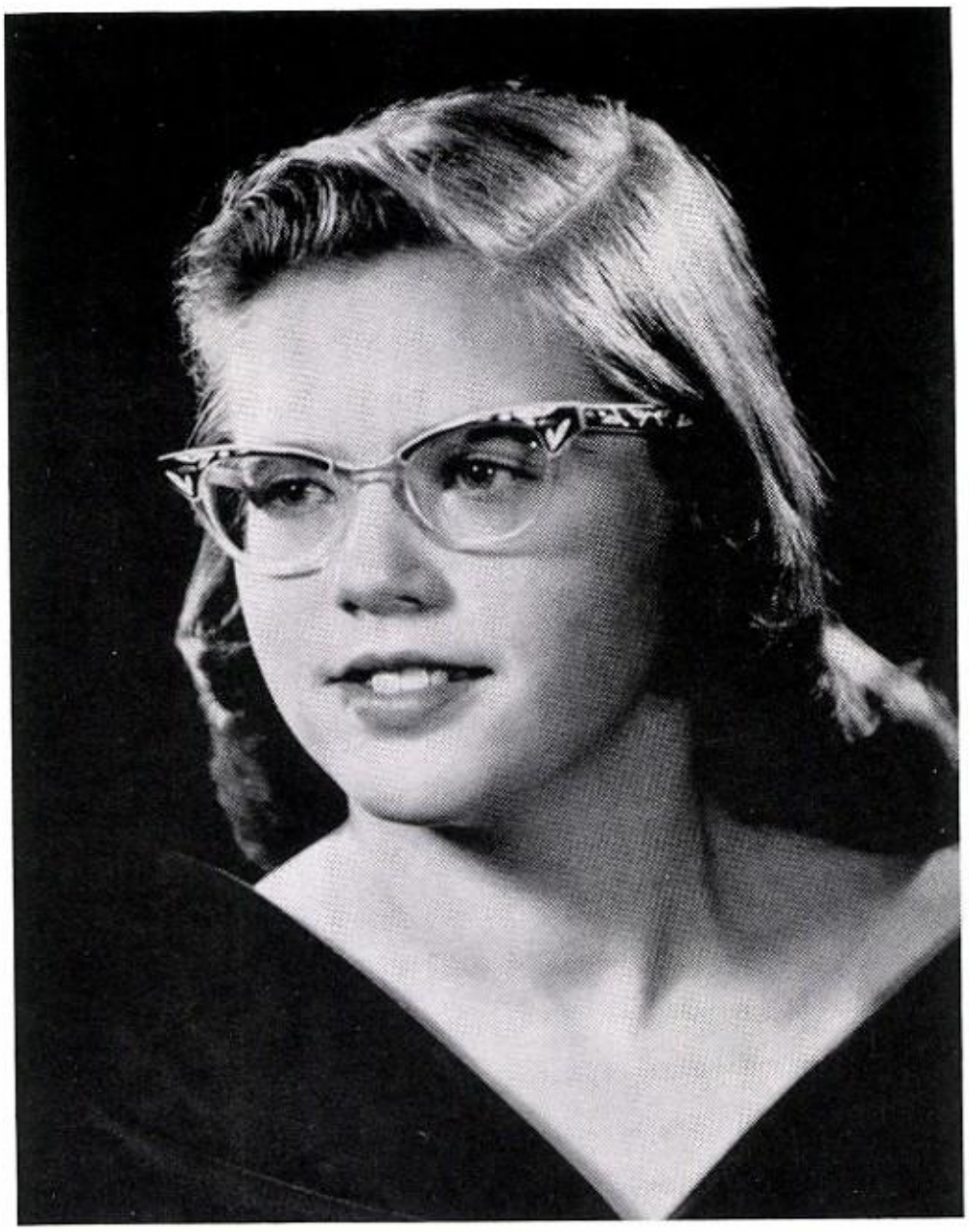


OFFICERS

BERNICE ANNE KELSEY

"Her thought is her own, her life belongs to the world."

Secretary 4; Treasurer 1; Student Council 1-3; Honor Society 3, 4; Girls' State 3; Prom Queen Candidate 3; Journalism 2, 3; Retrospect Staff 2-4; Layout Editor 3, 4; Oratorical Contest 3; Intramurals 1-4; Plays 1, 2.



JEANETTE D. ADAMS

"Sweetness of smile indicates gentleness of character."

Treasurer 4; Secretary 2; Student Council 1; Band 1; Prom Queen Candidate 3; Bowling 2-4; Retrospect Staff 3, 4; Business Editor 4; Intramurals 1-4.

MELANIE JOAN BANCROFT

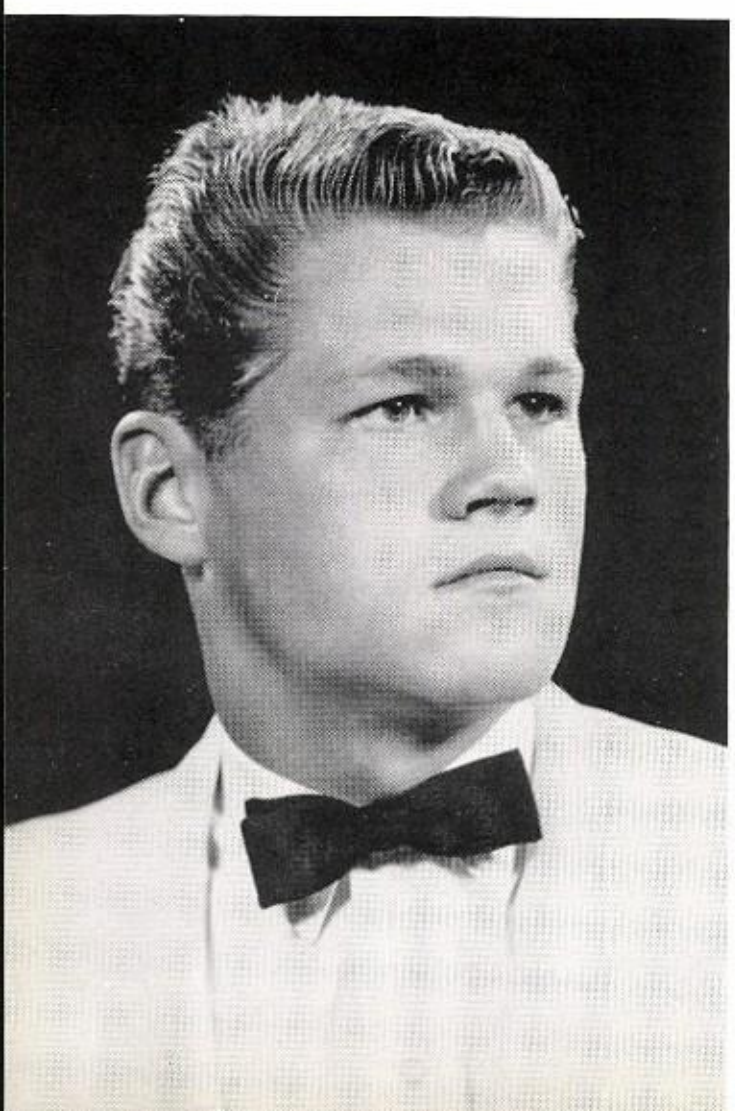
"A profile of quietude."

Chorus 1, 2; F.H.A. 1, 2; Journalism 1, 2; Intramurals 1, 2.

PHYLLIS JEAN BANCROFT

"Her blue eyes sought the west afar, for lovers love the western star."

Treasurer 2; F.H.A. 1; Journalism 2; Intramurals 1-4.



DAVID O. BLAZICK

"Imagination rules the world."

Student Council 1; Retrospect Staff 3, 4; Football 1-3; Basketball 1-3; Basebal 1-3; Intramurals 1, 2.

RUTH LOIS CHAMBERLAIN

"Beauty is the mark God sets on virtue."

President 1; Student Council 4; Prom Queen 3; Retrospect Staff 2-4, Layout Editor 4; Intramurals 1-4; Plays 2.

RUSSELL L. DEMOND

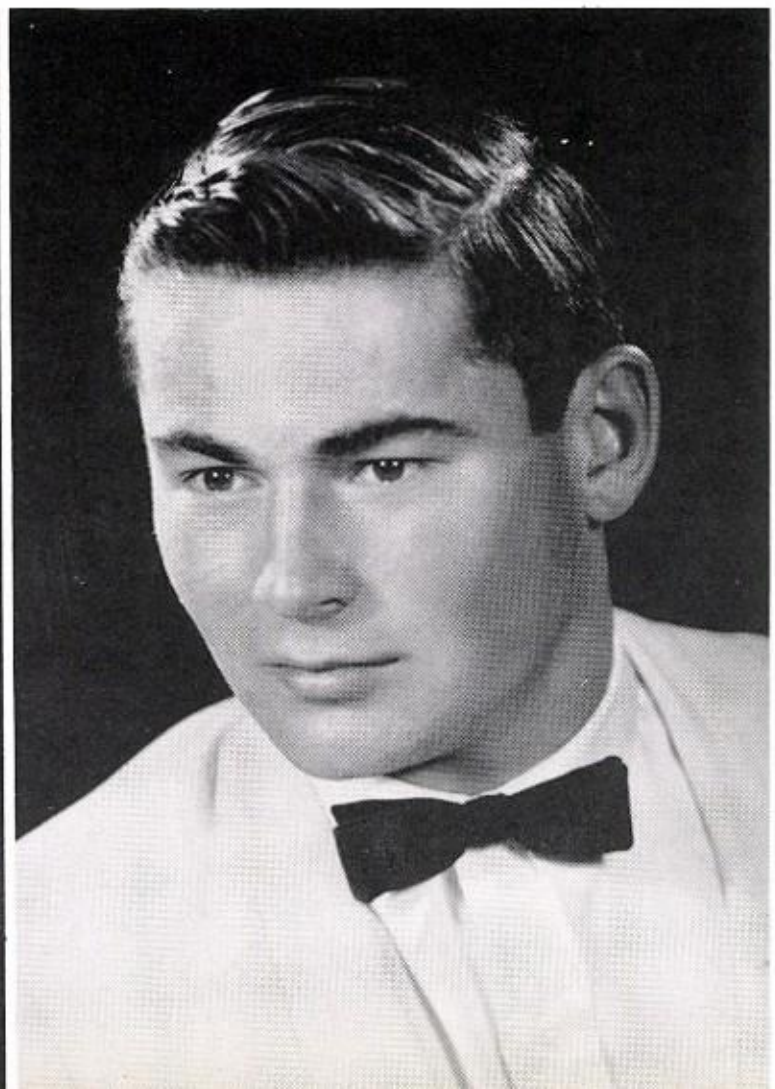
"If there be any truer measure of a man than by what he does, it must be by what be gives."

F.F.A. 1-4; President 3, 4; Sentinel 2; Delegate to National Convention 4; Delegate to State F.F.A. Convention 1-4; Third Place at State Fair Judging 2; Second Place at Morrisville Agricultural College 3; Intramurals 1-4.

EDITH MAE CONGER

"A frank and open mind is the doorway to a full life."

H.A. 1-4, Vice-President 4; Retrospect aff 4, Typing Editor 4; Intramurals 1, 4.



MARY JOAN GAVRAS

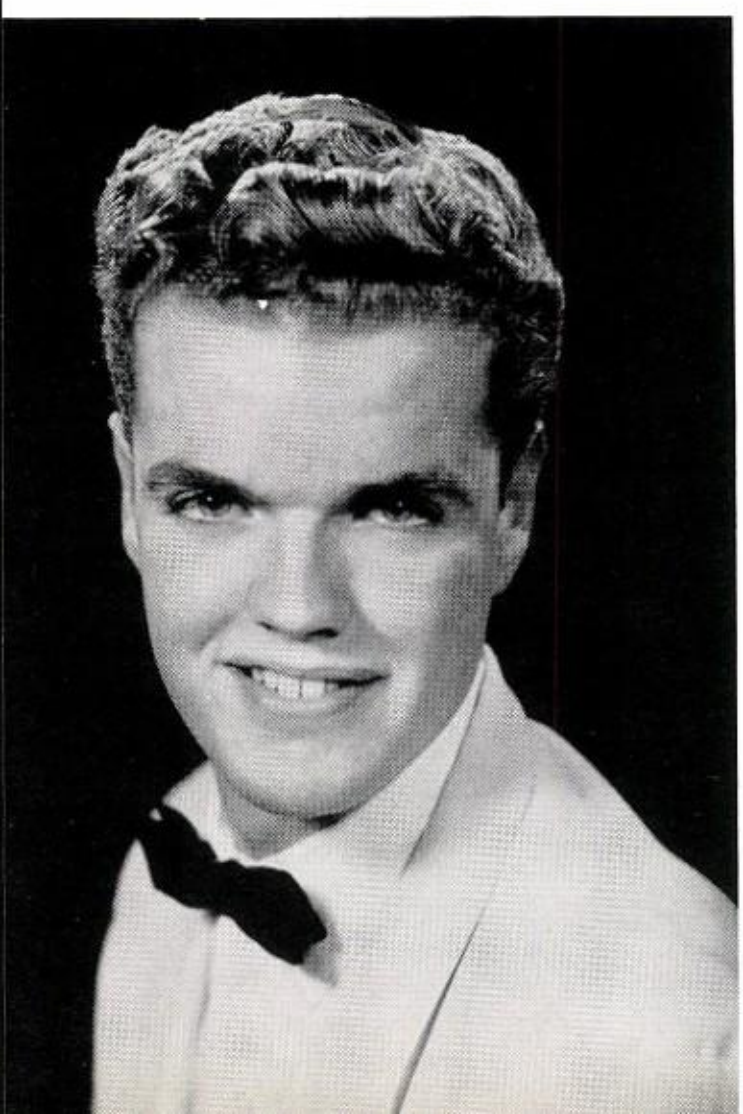
"Nothing is impossible to a willing heart."

Chorus 1-4; Secretary 1; F.H.A. 2; Journalism 2; Retrospect Staff 2; Intramurals 1-4.

MELVYN JOHN GREEN

"God put in man thought, humor, and friendliness."

Vice-President 1; Student Council 1-3; Tri-County Delegate 3; Football 1-4; Science Club 1; Retrospect Staff 4; Basketball 1-4; Intramurals 1-4.



PAUL STEPHEN HAMILL

"A man he is of cheerful yesterdays and confident tomorrows."

Tri-County Delegate 3; Gym Club 3; Intramurals 1-4.

CONTANCE MAE HARRIS

"Music within and without."

Band 1, 2; Dance Band 1, 2, 4; Chorus 3, 4; Accompanist; Retrospect 2-4.

ALICE MARIE HEFFRON

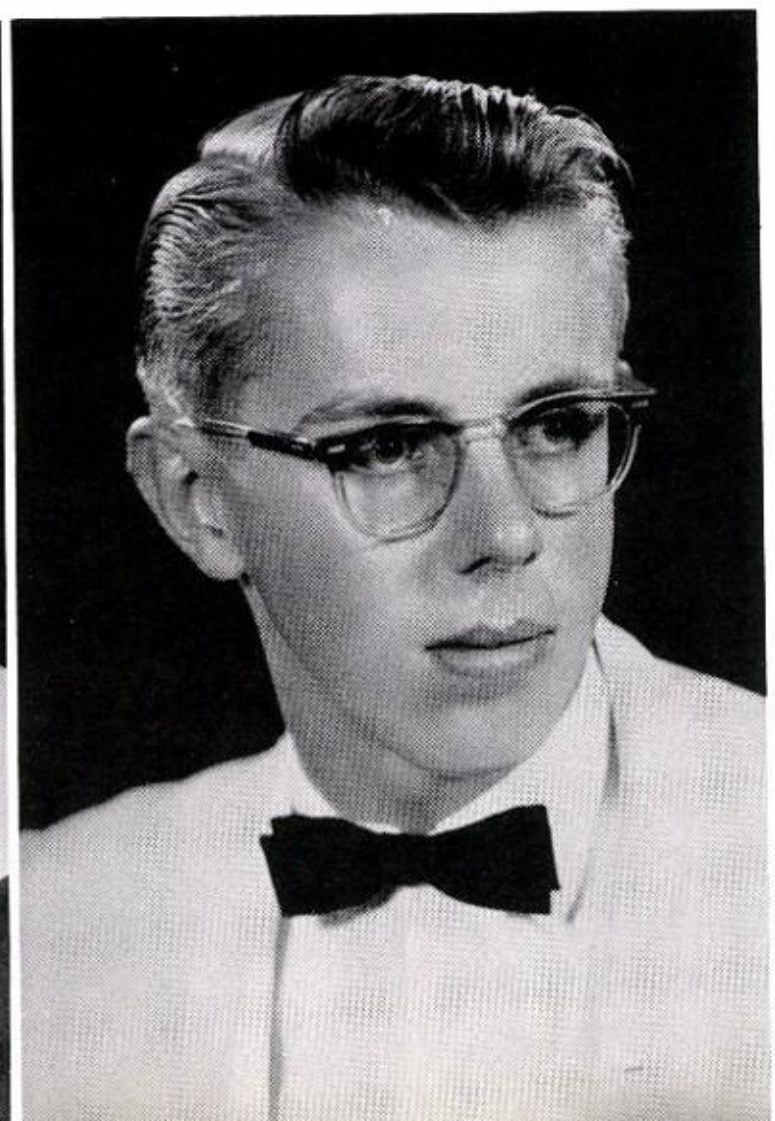
"Beauty and wisdom are a rare combination."

ice-President 3; Student Council 2, 4; Tri-ounty Delegate 3; Prom Queen Candidate Journalism 1-2; Retrospect Staff 2; Ed-or Literary 3-4; Cheerleading 1-4; Presi-ent Cheerleading Association 2-4; D.A.R. itizenship Award 1; Gym Club 1-2; Intra-urals 1-4; Freshman Play 1.

GERALD HOLDEN

"An honest heart possesses a kingdom."

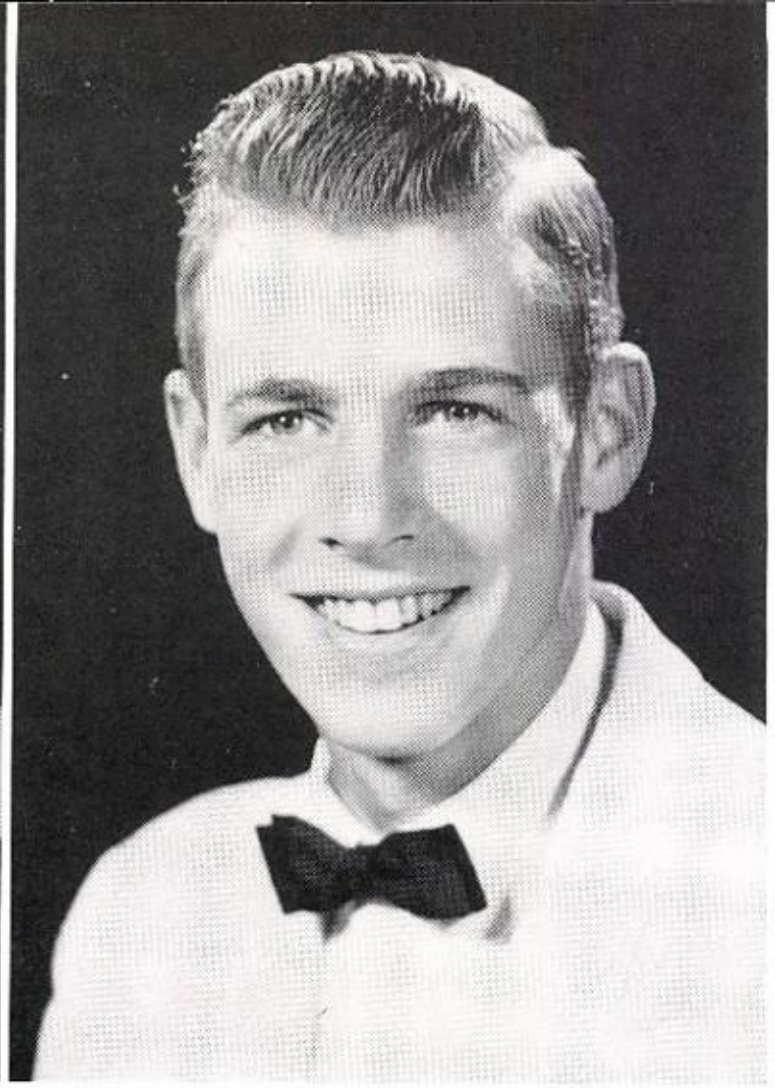
F.F.A. 1-4, Treasurer 3, 4.



JUDITH ANN HUHTANEN

"Tall and fair, and quick of mind."

Honor Society 3, Vice-President 4; Journalism 2, 3; Retrospect Staff 3, 4; Literary Editor 3, 4; Intramurals 4.



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"Integrity with wisdom is unconquerable."

Student Council Representative 4; Basketball 1-4, Captain 2; Honor Society 3, 4; Football 1-4; Intramurals 1, 2.

ROBERT LARKIN

"Honesty is good sense, politeness, amiability all in one."

Chorus 2, 3; F.F.A. 1-3; Intramurals 1-3.

BRENDA J. LAWRENCE

"The quiet heart is richer than a crown."

Chorus 1; Retrospect Staff 4; Intramurals 1-3.

ELIZABETH LEWIS

"Nothing contributes more to cheerfulness than the habit of looking on the good side of things."

orus 1; F.H.A. 1-3; Journalism 2; Retpect Staff 4; Intramurals 1.

JOANNE LUCAS

"Enthusiasm is the greatest asset in the world."

Secretary 1-3; Student Council Representative 1-4, Vice-President 3; Tri-County 3-4; Treasurer 3, President 4; Journalism 1-2; Retrospect 3-4; Gym Club 3-4; Cheerleading 1-4; Vice-President Cheerleading Association 4; Intramurals 1-4.

DAVE LUDLOW

"A thoroughgoing silence manages to intrigue mos' people."

Gym Club 2-4; Wrestling 3-4; Football 1-4; Intramurals 1-4.

DAVID B. MACK

"Go to a man's heart and there find sincerity."

Chorus 2; F.F.A. 1-4; Wrestling 1; Projectionist Club 1-4; Track 2-4; Football 4; Baseball 1; Intramurals 1-4.

DAWN LEE MC CARTY

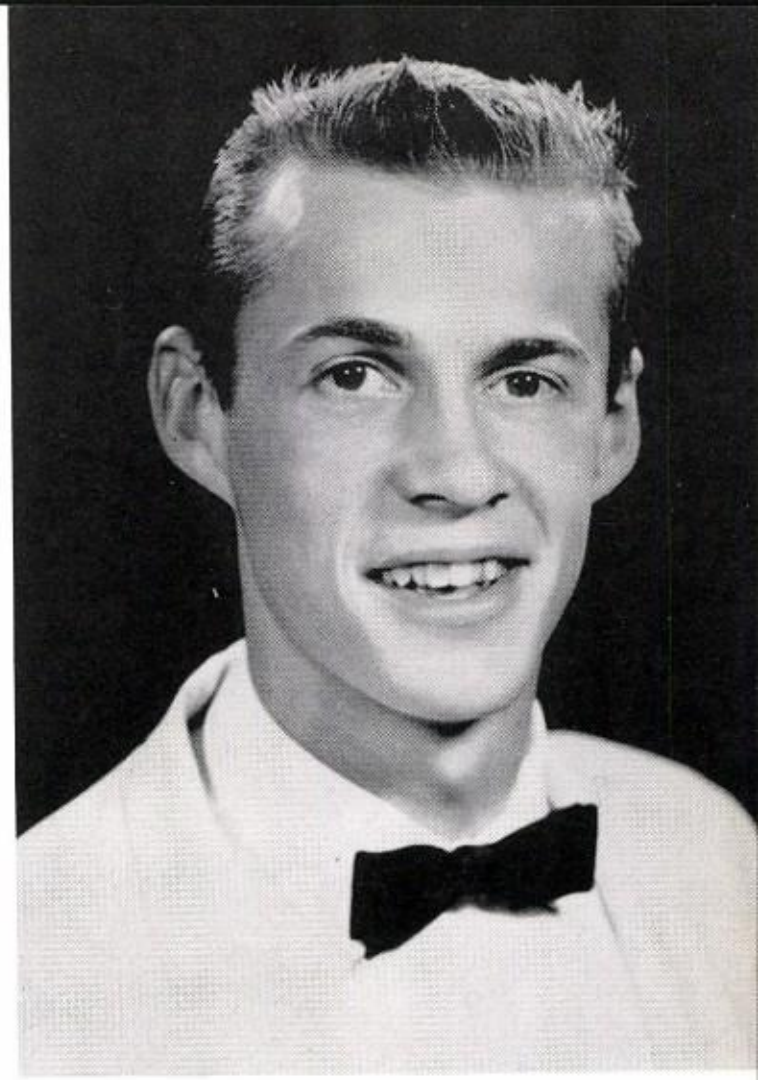
"A little, tiny, pretty, charming she."

Chorus 2; F.H.A. 2; Secretary 1; Retrospect Staff 4; Bowling 2, 4; Intramurals 1-4.

ALAN DRHU MEEKER

"Strength and industry reap a profitable harvest."

Projection Club 1-4; Retrospect Staff 4.



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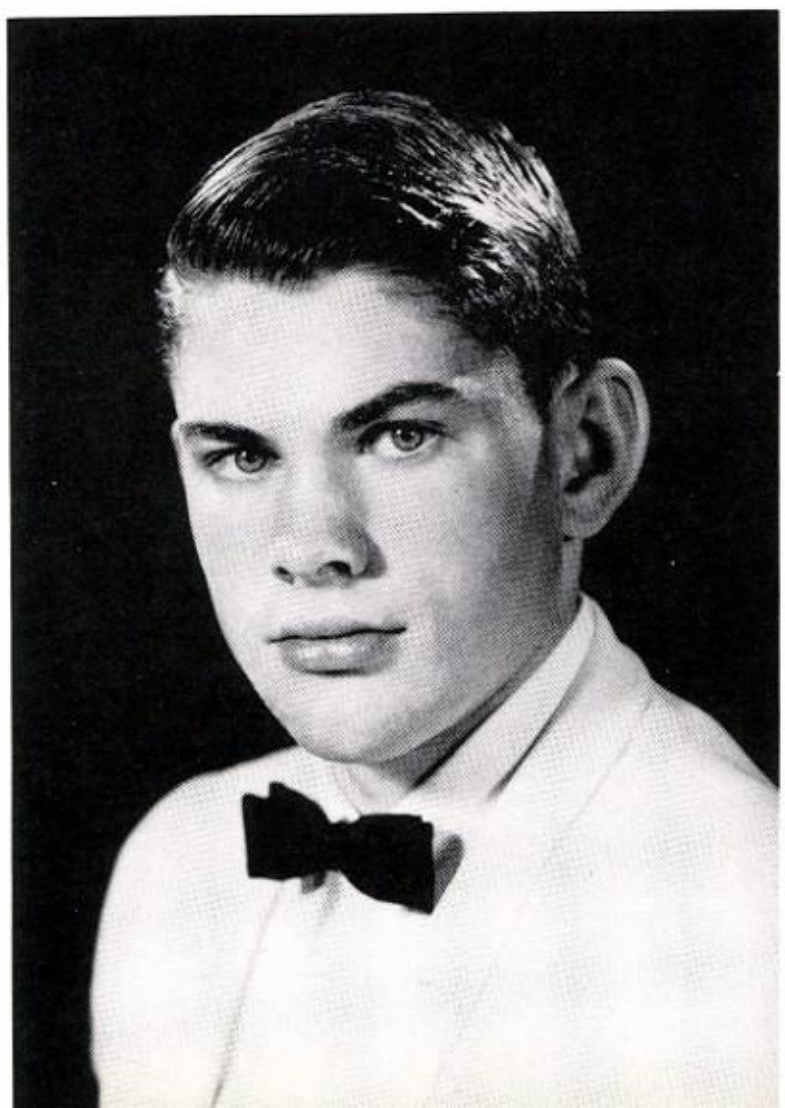
"Reservation cannot hide the ambition of a good mind and the warmth of a friend."

Basketball 1, 2; Baseball 1; Intramurals 1-4.



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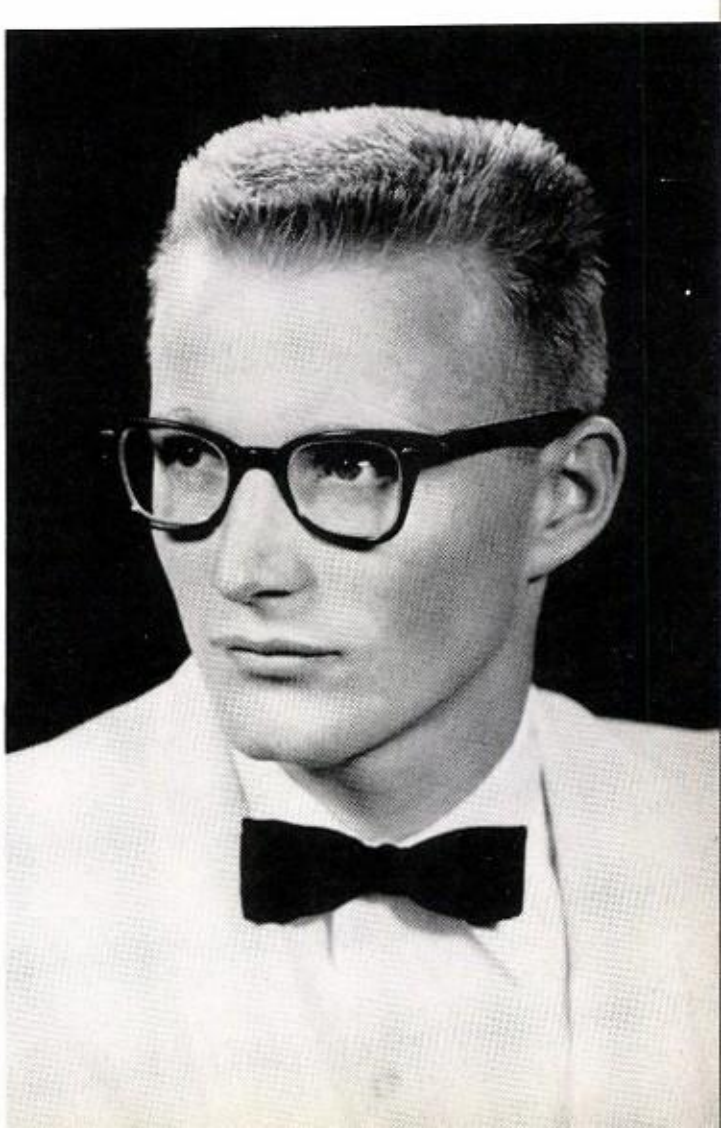

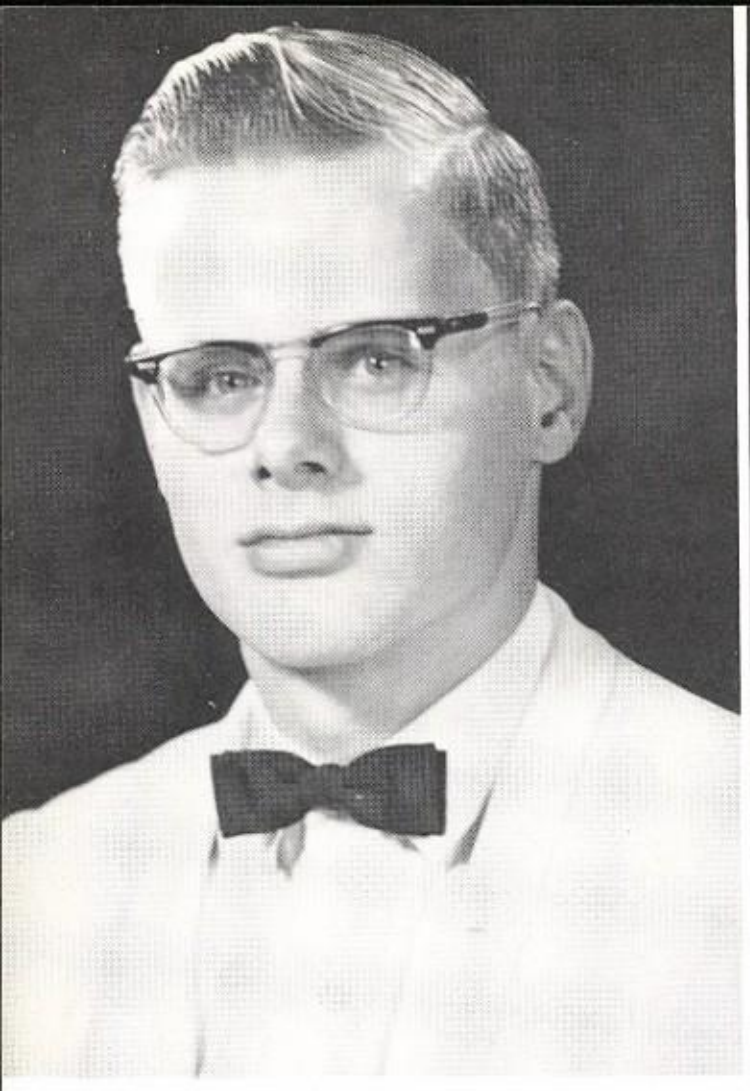

ROBERT P. MUDGE

"Silence is deep as Eternity; speech is shallow as Time."

Band 1-3; County Band 1; Projectionist Club 3, 4, President 4; Science Club 2, 3; Retrospect Staff 4; Gym Club 1, 2, 4; Driver Ed. Safety Award 3; Radiological Monitoring 3, 4; Sophomore Play; Track 3, 4.

NANCY JANE NEVILLE

"To be eager and willing is good, but to be so with cheer is to be loved forever."

Secretary 2; Prom Queen Candidate 3; Band 1-3; Journalism Club 2; Retrospect Staff 1-4; Gym Club 2, 4; Bowling 4; Cheerleading 2, 3; Intramurals 1-4; Sophomore Play.

ROBERT T. REGAN

"Quiet people accomplish most."

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JOAN E. RYAN

"A little creature formed of joy and mirth."

esident 2; Student Council 1; Jour- ism 1, 2; Retrospect Staff 2-4; Gym b 2-4; Cheerleading 1-4, Treasurer 2; ramurals 1-4; Sophomore Play 2.

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"Good humor is a sign of success."

Bowling 2-4; Captain 4; Intramurals 1-4.

ROSALEE JOAN SOVOCOOL

"Her smile is the sweetest ever seen."

Chorus 1-4; F.H.A. 2, 3; Retrospect Staff 3, 4; Intramurals 4.

WILLIAM H. WADSWORTH

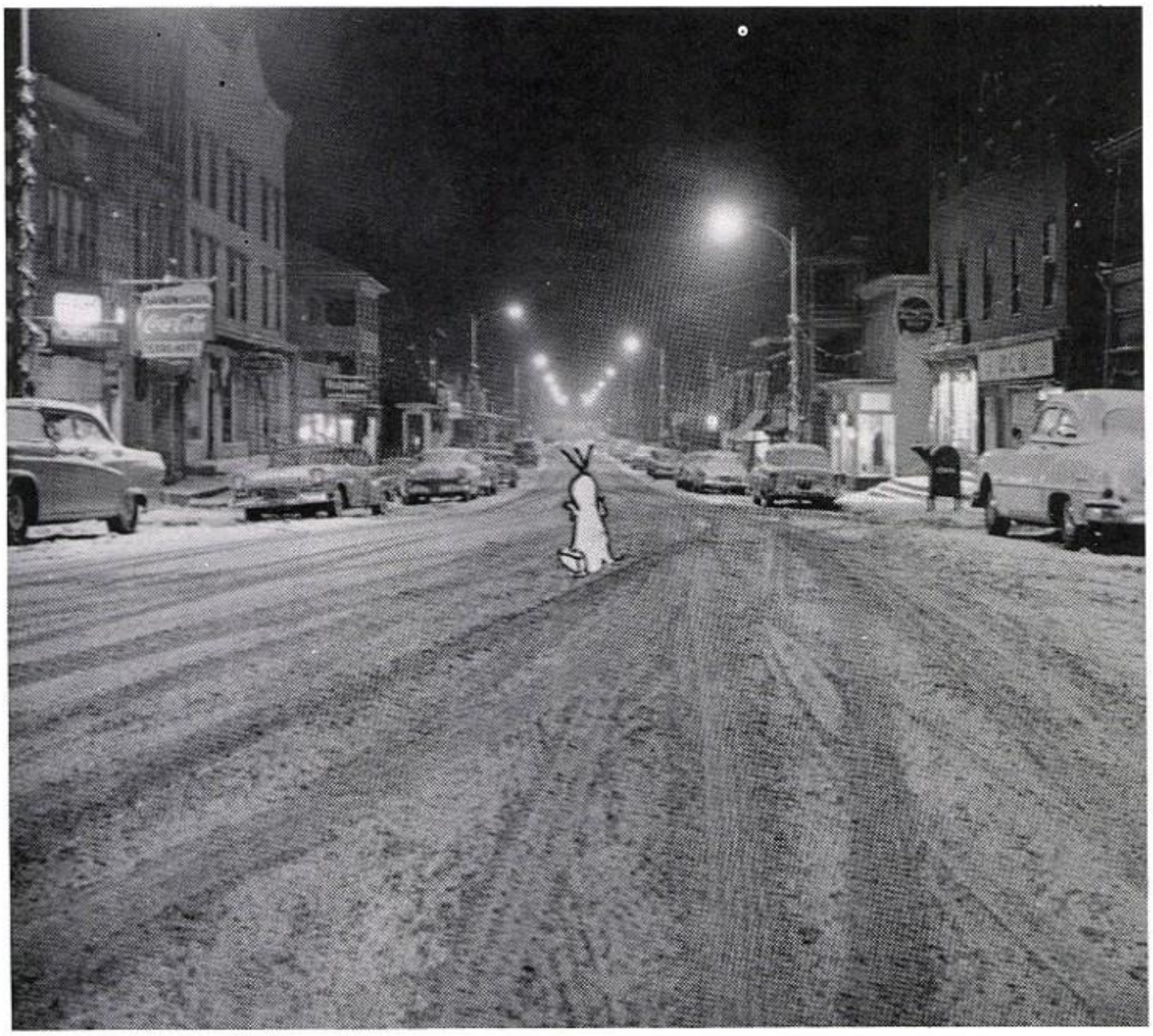
"He flavors everything; he is the vanilla of society."

Secretary 1; Journalism 3; Projectionist 1; Retrospect Staff 1-4; Football Manager 4; Basketball Manager 2-4; Baseball 1; Intramurals 1-4; Gym Club 2.

ALLAN R. WEBSTER

"Red hair fosters mischief and mirth."

Football 3, 4; Basketball 2-4; Baseball 1-4; Intramurals 1-4.



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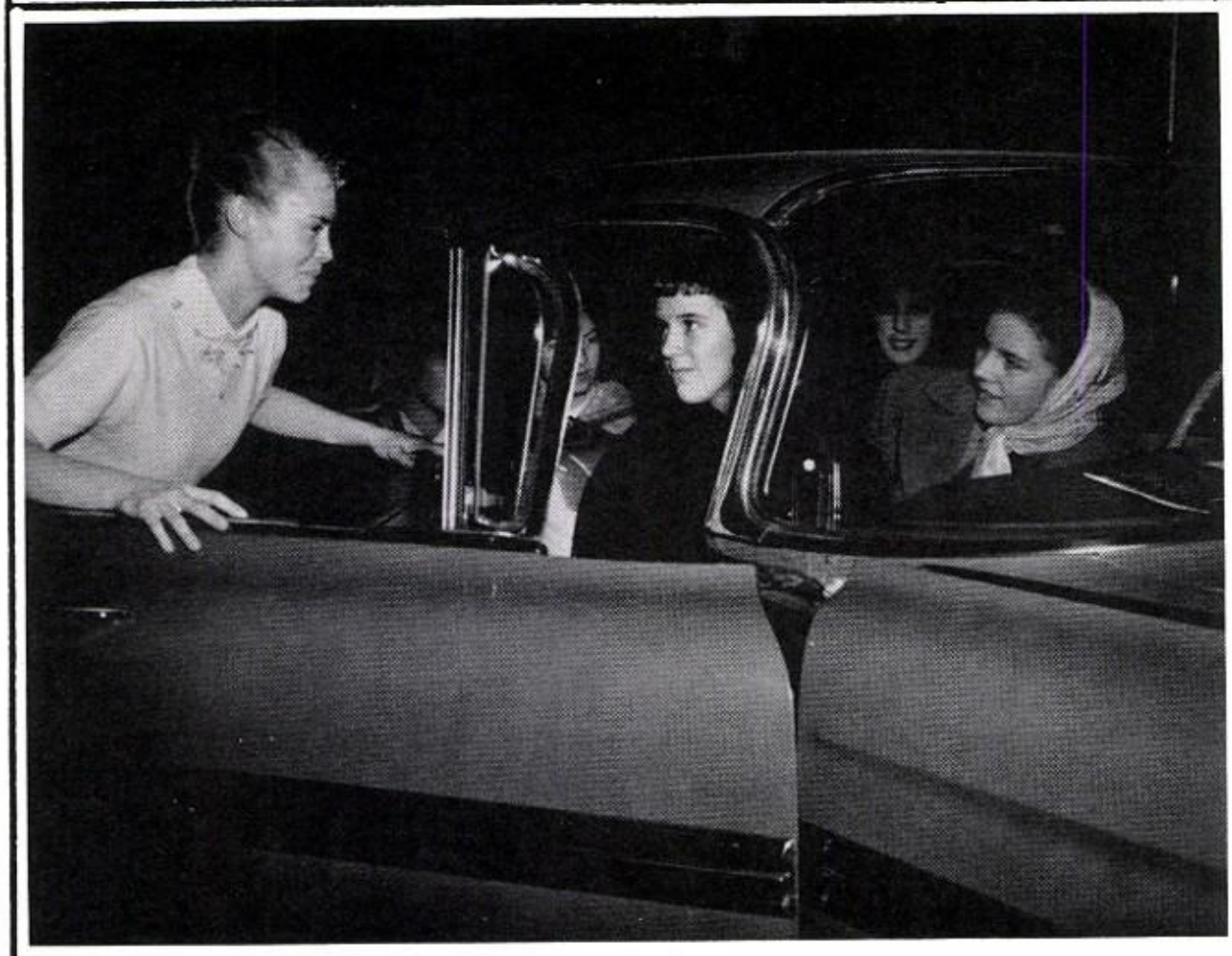

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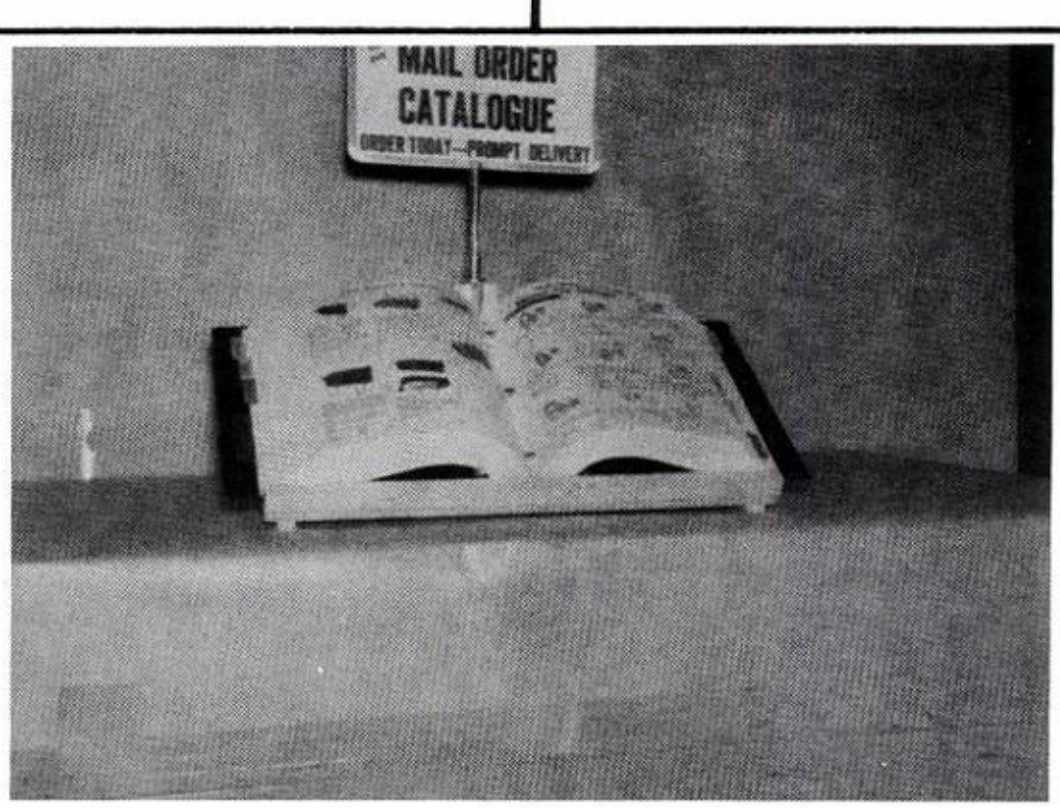

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